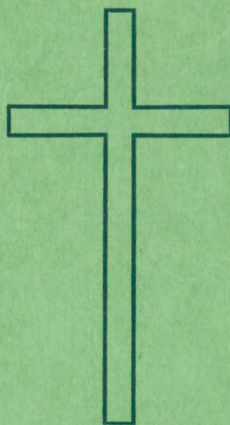


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## INTRODUCTION

The 1951 and 1952 editions of the *Missionary Album* were printed in quick succession. Because of the great interest shown on the part of our churches and friends of missions, both editions were soon exhausted. Furthermore, several dozen new names must be added to the book, which in itself warrants the publication of a third edition.

In order to facilitate making pertinent corrections from time to time without having to reprint and bind the book, the loose-leaf format has been selected for this and successive issues. With this arrangement, new pages can also be added to the Album at appropriate intervals to keep it up-to-date.

Herewith the Board of Foreign Missions again recommends the Album to constant use and desires to encourage the churches and friends of missions everywhere to pray earnestly for the missionaries, that God may sustain and energize them daily to the end that their witness of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and the proclamation of the Word may be used mightily by the Holy Spirit in leading great numbers to the knowledge of a personal Saviour.

We recommend the entire missionary endeavor of the Conference to faithful intercession, Ephesians 6:18-20.

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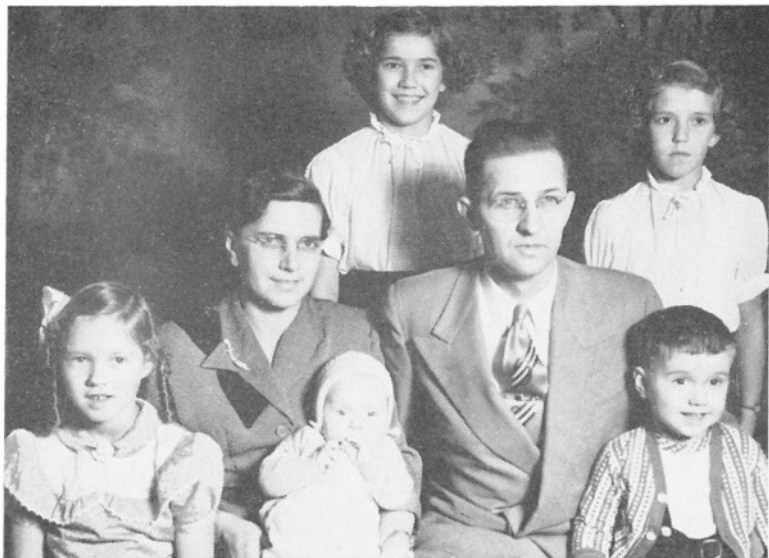


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MISSIONARIES







REV. WILLIAM G. BAERG AND FAMILY  
Panzi, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

WILLIE G. BAERG, son of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Baerg, was born at Apanle, South Russia, on April 8, 1911. From childhood he had a desire to be a missionary. When he was but eight years old it pleased the Lord to take his father out of the home through death. At the age of twelve he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. In 1924 he, together with his mother Mrs. Anna S. Baerg, came to Canada where they settled in the province of Manitoba. In 1931 he was baptized and received into the M. B. Church at Arnaud, Manitoba. He attended the Zentral-schule in Russia. In 1938 he was graduated from the Bible School at Winkler, Manitoba. Later he spent two years at the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. Mr. Baerg was united in holy matrimony to Margaret Klassen on April 18, 1938. He has been an active worker in the home church at Arnaud. During the time that the Baergs were waiting for a way to open so they could go to Africa they spent two years in mission work among the Indians of North Canada. They were ordained on August 16, 1942, at Arnaud, Manitoba, by Rev. A. H. Unruh. On January 10, 1946, they left Fort Lee, New Jersey for the M. B. Mission field in the Belgian Congo of Africa where they served at the Djongo Sanga Station of the Kasai District. The Baergs left for their second term on February 2, 1954 and will be serving on the Panzi Station.

MRS. MARGARET KLASSEN BAERG, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Klassen, was born on April 1, 1916, at Gruenfeld, Russia. At the age of 16 she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and the following year she joined the Winkler M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. After completing her high school education she spent three years at the Winkler Bible School where she was graduated from the Sunday School Course in 1937. Later she spent two years at the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. On April 18, 1938, she was married to Willie G. Baerg at Morden, Manitoba. Before entering foreign mission work she was active in her home church as Sunday School teacher and personal worker. The Baergs also spent two years in proclaiming the gospel to the Indians of North Canada. They sailed for the mission field in the Belgian Congo on January 10, 1946, where they labored at the Djongo Sanga Station. The Baergs have four children. Edith Verna was born on May 23, 1940; Eleanor Rosella was born on April 23, 1942; Irene Rose was born on June 28, 1947; Bruno William was born on January 8, 1951; Wilma Grace was born on August 26, 1953.

*Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.*

—Phil. 3:8.



*Not unto us, O Lord, not  
unto us, but unto thy name  
give glory, for thy mercy, and  
for thy truths sake.*

—Psalms 115:1.



MISS NETTIE BERG  
Ecole Belle Vue, Belgian Congo

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS NETTIE BERG is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter I. Berg, Coaldale, Alberta. She was born at Furstenwerder, South Russia, on January 21, 1923. In 1925, the family immigrated to Canada where they settled near Dalmeny, Saskatchewan. Later they moved to Coaldale, Alberta. At the age of thirteen she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and joined the M. B. Church of Coaldale upon confession of faith and baptism. Miss Berg obtained her secondary education at the Coaldale High School, receiving her High School diploma in June, 1941. In January, 1942, she entered nurses training at the Galt Hospital, Lethbridge, Alberta, where she received the R. N. degree on January 30, 1945. In order to prepare herself better for missionary service, Miss Berg enrolled at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in September, 1947, and was graduated from the missionary course on June 23, 1950. In August of that same year she took up further medical study at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Quebec, where she received a Diploma in Obstetrics and Gynaecology on February 24, 1951. From Montreal she transferred to the Concordia Hospital at Winnipeg, where she received some training in laboratory technique. During the years that she worked in the various hospitals she took many opportunities to witness for her Lord and Master. She also had the joy of sounding forth the gospel of salvation in the slum districts during her college years. On December 14, 1950, Miss Berg made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, and was accepted for service in Africa. In September, 1951, she enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, to prepare herself further for missionary service. On June 20, 1952 she proceeded to Africa, the land to which she has been called, at Ecole Belle Vue.







REV. HENRY BRUCKS AND FAMILY  
Kipungu, Belgian Congo

*Thou shalt guide me  
with thy counsel, and  
afterward receive me to  
glory. Whom have I in  
heaven but thee? And  
there is none upon earth  
that I desire beside thee.*

—Psalms 73:24-25.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HENRY BRUCKS, born at Stepanowka, Russia, June 30, 1918, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brucks, Sr., Sardis, British Columbia. Together with his parents he moved to Canada at the age of seven, settling first in Manitoba and then Coaldale, Alberta, where they lived for fourteen years. He was converted at the age of eighteen and joined the M. B. Church of Coaldale upon confession of faith and baptism. All his life he felt that the Lord was putting a burden on his heart for Africa. In 1939 he completed the three-year-course at the Coaldale Bible Institute. After finishing Bible School, he moved with his parents to British Columbia where he took active part in mission and personal work. Later he also attended the Mennonite Brethren Bible College at Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was married to Elsie Hiebert on July 17, 1948 at Arnaud, Manitoba. The Board of Foreign Missions accepted him for service in Africa in October, 1947. The Brucks were ordained in the summer of 1948 by the M. B. Church of Yarrow, British Columbia. In the fall of 1948, Mr. Brucks and his wife enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. On February 3, 1949 they left New York City for a period of study in Belgium. After studying there for a year and a half, they proceeded to the Belgian Congo in August, 1950, where they have served at the Matende, Kafumba and Kipungu Stations up to the present.

MRS. ELSIE HIEBERT BRUCKS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hiebert, Arnaud, Manitoba, was born on January 1, 1923, at Alexanderpole, Russia. At the age of eight months, she together with her parents immigrated to Canada, settling in Manitoba. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour at the age of twelve and was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Arnaud three years later. She was active in church work: Teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and helping in young people's work. During the school year of 1944-45 Mrs. Brucks taught in an Indian Day School in northern Manitoba. The following year she attended the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg. In January, 1947, she took up training as practical nurse at the Free-mason's Hospital at Morden, Manitoba, and received her Certificate of License for Practical Nurse in January, 1948. After her marriage to Henry Brucks in the summer of 1948, she accompanied her husband to Hillsboro, Kansas, where they studied at Tabor College for one semester. In February, 1949, they were sent to Belgium for further preparation before entering into missionary service in the Belgian Congo.

Florence Edith Brucks was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brucks on May 24, 1949, in Brussels, Belgium. Naomi Ruth was born Aug. 9, 1951, at Mukedi, and Paul Henry on July 30, 1954.





*Herein is my Father glorified  
that ye bear much fruit;  
so shall ye be my disciples.*

—John 15:8.

MISS SUSIE BRUCKS  
Kipungu, Belgian Congo

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS SUSIE BRUCKS is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Brucks, Yarrow, British Columbia. She was born at Stepanofka, Orenburg, Russia, on November 14, 1909. At the age of eleven she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and in June, 1923, she joined the M. B. Church of Klubnikow, Orenburg, Russia, upon confession of faith and baptism. Miss Brucks received her Bible training at the Bible School of Coaldale, Alberta, and at the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. Later she took up work at the Concordia Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Then in order to better prepare herself for foreign missions work she studied at the Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, Ontario. Miss Brucks had to wait ten years after she received the call to the mission field before she could go out. In these years she worked for the Lord wherever there was work to do. She was ordained on February 20, 1944, at Yarrow, British Columbia, by Rev. J. A. Harder. She left for the mission field in Africa on June 13, 1944, and returned for her first furlough on April 29, 1949. On her way to America she stopped in Belgium for a period of ten months to attend the Prince Leopold (medical) Institute in Antwerp. On January 11, 1951, she again proceeded to Africa where she has been serving at the Yassa and Kipungu Stations till the present.





REV. FRANK BUSCHMAN AND FAMILY  
Lusemvu, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

FRANK BUSCHMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Buschman of Dinuba, California, was born at Weatherford, Oklahoma, on August 12, 1911. Following his conversion at the age of twenty he was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church of Ulysses, Kansas. After finishing his elementary education he enrolled at the Corn Bible School, Corn, Oklahoma, and was graduated in the spring of 1934. He finished his high school training at the Grant County Rural High School, Ulysses. Later he attended Northwestern Bible and Missionary School. Then he enrolled at Tabor College, where he was graduated in May, 1940, with a Th.B. degree. He finished his college work at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, where he was graduated with an A.B. degree in 1945. On June 11, 1939, he was united in holy matrimony to Clara Lohrenz at Ebenfeld, Kansas. The Buschmans were ordained at Ulysses on September 3, 1944, by Rev. J. J. Wiebe and Rev. G. W. Lohrenz. They left New York on December 28, 1945, for their first term of service in the Belgian Congo. They served the Lord at Kafumba Station for five years and returned for their first furlough on March 17, 1951. On August 14, 1952, they, together with their three children, returned for their second term of service via Belgium.

*Ask of me and I shall give thee  
the heathen for inheritance, and the  
utmost parts of the earth for thy  
possession.*

—Psalm 2:8.

MRS. CLARA DORA LOHRENZ BUSCHMAN is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard W. Lohrenz, Hillsboro, Kansas. She was born at Lehigh, Kansas, on April 29, 1912. Following her conversion at twelve she was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Ebenfeld M. B. Church, Hillsboro, Kansas. She took her secondary education at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, Emporia State Teachers' College, Emporia, Kansas, and Ft. Hays State College, Ft. Hays, Kansas. She taught public school for two years and instructed in the commercial department of Tabor College for four years. She was married to Frank Buschman, who had a definite call to Africa, on June 11, 1939, and together they made preparations to go to that field under the auspices of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. They left New York on December 28, 1945 for their first term of service in the Belgian Congo of Africa. During this term, the Buschmans were stationed at Kafumba where they served faithfully for five years. They returned to the homeland for their furlough, via New Orleans, on March 17, 1951, and returned August 14, 1952.

The names and birth dates of the Buschman children are as follows: Lawrent Lee, May 29, 1941; Dennis LeRoy, February 16, 1943; Frank Lynn, July 27, 1948, and Robert Lloyd, October 1, 1952.



*" . . . . That I may . . .  
make known the mystery of  
the gospel for which I am  
an ambassador."*

—Eph. 6:19-20.



REV. AND MRS. H. D. DERKSEN  
Djongo Sanga, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HENRY D. DERKSEN, son of Rev. and Mrs. David D. Derksen, Boissevain, Manitoba, was born at Fischau, Russia, on February 4, 1916. When he was ten, the family immigrated to Canada, making their home in Manitoba. He yielded his life to the Lord at the age of seventeen and was baptized and received into the M. B. Church at Boissevain in July, 1934. He attended the Winkler Bible School from November, 1949 until January, 1943. The next month he entered government service at Wasagaming, Manitoba, in the Riding Mountain National Park. During this time the Lord dealt with him concerning missionary service. Mr. Derksen entered Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, in 1945 and graduated with the Th.B. degree in 1949. On September 23, 1947, he was married to Helen Ewert. They were accepted as foreign missionaries by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in June, 1949. From November, 1949 until May, 1950, they studied the French language at a French children's home, "Le Flambeau" in Bondville, Quebec. They were ordained on June 25, 1950, by the Boissevain M. B. Church. They left New York on February 1, 1951, for a year's study in Belgium prior to beginning missionary service in the Belgian Congo of Africa.

MRS. HELEN EWERT DERKSEN was born in Omsk, Siberia, on April 16, 1917, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Ewert. In 1924 her parents left Russia and settled in Mexico where they spent two years. In 1926 they moved to Manitoba. At the age of seventeen, Mrs. Derksen was converted and joined the M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. Her education was obtained at Winnipeg Normal School; Winkler Bible School; and Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg. She received her Bachelor of Religious Education degree from the M. B. Bible College in 1949. Her major interest lies in children's work. She has had one year's experience in teaching and has also helped at the Grace Children's Home in Henderson, Nebraska, for a year.

The Derksens have one child, John David, who was born on April 30, 1951.





*Declare his glory  
among the heathen,  
his wonders among  
all people.*

—Psalms 96:3.



REV. AND MRS. ERNEST H. DYCK  
Matende, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ERNEST H. DYCK, son of Mrs. Peter F. Dyck, Abbotsford, British Columbia, was born on April 5, 1922, at Hushan, Russia. On August 27, 1926, his father was killed by a bandit. Shortly after the death of his father, Mr. Dyck came to Canada together with the rest of the family. They settled in Saskatchewan and one year later moved to Pincher Station, Alberta. In 1937, Mr. Dyck, his mother, and part of the family moved to Abbotsford, British Columbia. He was saved when he was nine years old and joined the M. B. Church of Abbotsford in July, 1941, upon confession of faith and baptism. He received his early Bible training at the Yarrow Bible School, Yarrow, British Columbia. In November, 1943, he enrolled at the Abbotsford Bible School where he continued his studies until December, 1945, when he was called to serve the government in a Conscientious Objectors Camp. Later he attended the Mennonite Educational Institute Abbotsford, British Columbia, where he received his high school diploma in June, 1947. In the fall of that same year he began his studies at the M. B. College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and was graduated from the Missionary course in the spring of 1950. In September, 1950, he enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, and was graduated with an A.B. degree in the spring of 1951. The following summer he attended the Kansas State College, Emporia, Kansas, where he received his elementary and secondary teachers certificate. Mr. Dyck's practical work consists of teaching Sunday School, directing daily vacation Bible school, doing personal work, and preaching. He made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on March 31, 1948, and was accepted

MRS. LYDIA KRAHN DYCK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Krahn, Abbotsford, British Columbia, was born on March 2, 1928, at Gilroy, Saskatchewan. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of fifteen and joined the Abbotsford M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism one year later. She spent the school year 1944-1945 studying at the Abbotsford Bible School. In September, 1945, she enrolled at the Mennonite Educational Institute, Abbotsford, British Columbia, where she received her high school diploma in June, 1948. In the fall of that same year she began her studies at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba and was graduated in the spring of 1951. She has been active for her Lord and Master in directing children's work and in doing personal work. On September 28, 1951, she was married to Ernest H. Dyck at Abbotsford, British Columbia. In the fall of 1951 she, together with her husband, enrolled at the Bethel Bible School, Lennoxville, Quebec, where they studied the French language in order to equip themselves better for service in Africa. Norman Ernest joined them in Belgium on September 12, 1952, and Stanley Raymond in Congo on September 14, 1954.

in 1950 for service in Africa. On September 28, 1951, he was married to Miss Lydia Krahn at Abbotsford, British Columbia. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dyck moved to Lennoxville, Quebec, where they studied the French language at the Bethel Bible School. On June 3, 1952, they proceeded to Belgium for further study of the French language, and now, since September, 1953, they have been in Africa at the Matende Station.





MISS MARGARET DYCK  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

*. . . Not by might, nor by  
power, but by my spirit, saith  
the Lord of hosts.*

—Zec. 4:6.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARGARET DYCK was born at Burwalde, Manitoba, on March 10, 1918. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dyck, reside at Enderby, British Columbia, Canada. Miss Dyck's early childhood days were spent in southern Manitoba. Even before she was saved she had a keen interest in missionary work which increased after accepting Christ. She was converted at the age of thirteen and joined the M. B. Church of Winkler, Manitoba, upon confession of faith and baptism. At the age of seventeen she moved to British Columbia with her parents. Her secondary education was taken in the Prairie Bible Institute High School, Three Hills, Alberta, and in the Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas. Besides taking a course in secondary education, Miss Dyck completed a Bible course at the Prairie Bible Institute in 1940. During the year 1943-44 she also took and completed a missionary medical course at the Missionary Medical Institute in Toronto, Ontario. During the year 1946-47 she finished the Tabor College Academy course, graduating in May, 1947. Besides serving as nurse for one year, Miss Dyck has nearly two years of full time missionary experience in Manitoba. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Africa on May 9, 1946. From June 24, 1946 to September 13, 1946 she attended the Summer School of Linguistics at Caron, Saskatchewan. She was ordained as foreign missionary by the Winkler M. B. Church on October 6, 1946. Miss Dyck left New York City on June 17, 1947, and has been serving at the Matende Station of the M. B. Mission in the Belgian Congo. On September, 1952, she returned home for a furlough and on February 2, 1954, again proceeded for her field of service on the Africa field.



*For I am not  
ashamed of the  
gospel of Christ:  
for it is the power  
of God unto Sal-  
vation to every one  
that believeth; the  
Jew first, and also  
to the Greek.*

—Rom. 1:16



MR. AND MRS. IVAN THOMAS ELRICH AND FAMILY  
Bakersfield, California

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

IVAN THOMAS ELRICH, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Elrich, San Jose, California, was born on May 8, 1925, in Bakersfield. During the revival services held in 1937, the long sought for peace and joy entered his heart, however it was not until October 5, 1941, that he followed the Lord in baptism and was accepted into the Mennonite Brethren Church at Rosedale. In the later years of grammar school the desire to serve on the mission field became uppermost in his mind. After graduation from Kern County Union School in 1943 he was drafted into Civilian Public Service. While at P. B. I. in 1947 he did as much as possible in preparation for future services; the following half year was spent in Tabor College. That summer, June 22, 1948 he joined hands in holy matrimony with Alma Friesen and together they went to Upland where he enrolled in the college. Along with his studies he directed a Junior Free Methodist Church for three years. Mr. Elrich graduated from Upland College with an A. B. in Education in June, 1951. He has also done some work in Long Beach State College, Fresno State College and Bakersfield College. Mr. Elrich had the privilege of teaching Sunday School, Bible classes and directing the chapel under the Rosedale M. B. church and now, the Lord willing, the Elrichs are making preparations for service on the M. B. Mission field in Africa.

MRS. MARY ALMA FRIESEN ELRICH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Friesen, Blaine, Washington, was born on August 22, 1927, at Weatherford, Oklahoma, however, life really began for her on January 14, 1942, when she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. On March 25, 1942 she was baptized and received into the Rosedale M. B. church. Receiving her High School education in Reedley High School she continued her education in Pacific Bible Institute for two years; in 1947 she attended Tabor College for one semester. The fall after they were married, June 22, 1948, she worked in a photo shop to help with her husband's education in Upland college. While here she also had the opportunity to help direct the Junior church in a Free Methodist Church, direct singing and teach Sunday School and Child evangelism classes. Teaching and working with children has given her much joy and together with her husband she wishes to go where God has called. The Elrichs have one daughter: Sandra Gail, born on June 8, 1952 in Bakersfield, California.





MISS ANNA G. ENNS  
Djongo Sanga, Belgian Congo

*Whoso offereth praise glor-  
ifieth me: and to him that  
ordereth his conversation  
aright will I shew the salva-  
tion of God.*

—Psalm 50:23.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ANNA G. ENNS was born at Chinook, Montana, on July 14, 1918. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Enns of Hillsboro, Kansas. She was converted at the age of thirteen and was baptized and accepted into the M.B. Church at Lehigh, Kansas, on November 1, 1931. Her higher education was obtained at Tabor College and Moody Bible Institute. While attending Tabor College, Miss Enns received and obeyed the challenge to follow the Lord anywhere even to the foreign field. By way of practical experience, she taught Daily Vacational Bible School and Sunday School classes and took many opportunities to do personal work. She applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Africa on July 14, 1944. On September 23, 1945, she was ordained as foreign missionary by the Lehigh M. B. Church. Miss Enns left New York City in November, 1945, for her first term of service in Africa, where she worked faithfully on the Kafumba and Kipungu Stations of the M. B. Mission in the Belgian Congo. She arrived in New York for her first furlough on December 20, 1950, and continued her studies at Tabor College in January, 1951. Miss Enns went to Africa for her second term on February 26, 1952.







REV. ABRAM J. ESAU AND FAMILY  
Kipungu, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ABRAHAM JOHN ESAU, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Esau, was born at Kuban, Russia, on October 4, 1913. The family immigrated to Canada in 1925. At the age of thirteen Mr. Esau was converted. Four years later he was baptized and accepted into the Yarrow M. B. Church, British Columbia. From 1935 till 1939 he attended the Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Manitoba. He continued his Bible training in the fall of 1939 at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, receiving the diploma of the Bible and Missionary Training course in 1941. While studying at the Prairie Bible Institute he felt called to go into foreign mission work. He has also been engaged in mission work in Manitoba and British Columbia. On June 7, 1942, he was united in marriage to Sarah Martens. He attended the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, for three semesters, beginning with the spring semester of 1946. Application for missionary service in Africa was made to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in April, 1946. The Esaus were ordained in June, 1947, by the M. B. Church of Yarrow, British Columbia. They left New York City on November 15, 1947, served on the Matende and Kipungu Stations as village workers. The Esaus came home on their first furlough in December, 1953.

MRS. SARAH MARTENS ESAU, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aron Martens, was born on December 21, 1918, at Franztal, Russia. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour at the age of fourteen and was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church, Yarrow, British Columbia. She did her high school work at the Chilliwack High School, Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada. In 1939 she was graduated from the Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Manitoba. On June 7, 1942, she was united in holy matrimony with Abram Esau. In the spring of 1946 she and Mr. Esau enrolled at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, where they studied for three semesters. Mrs. Esau served the Lord and the church in teaching Sunday School, Daily Vacation Bible School, and helping her husband with the home mission work in British Columbia and Manitoba. They left for Africa on November 15, 1947, where they worked at the Matende and Kipungu Stations. The Esaus have three daughters, Lois Ruth, born on April 11, 1949; Marilyn Grace, born on July 19, 1951; and Carol Faith, born May 13, 1953.

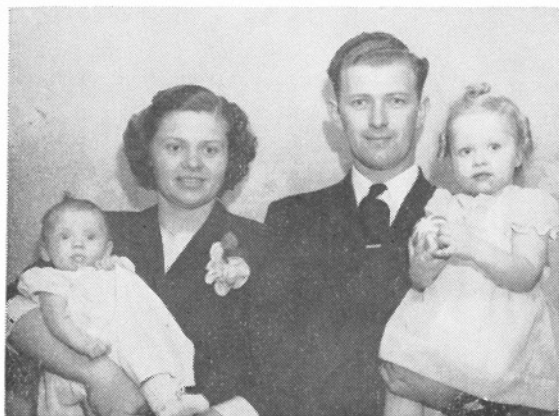
*And he answered, Fear not: for  
they that be with us are more than  
they that be with them.*

—2 Kings 6:16.



*I will give thee  
the treasures of  
darkness, and hid-  
den riches of secret  
places.*

—Isaiah 45:3.



REV. JOHN ESAU AND FAMILY  
Chilliwack, B. C.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MR. JOHN ESAU, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Esau, Chilliwack, B. C., was born January 3, 1926, in Kleefeld, Russia. Although greatly concerned about choosing the straight and narrow way, he did not fully understand nor accept Christ as his Saviour until he was fourteen years of age. At the age of sixteen, in July, 1942, he was baptized and accepted into the Coaldale, M. B. Church, and is now a member of the Kitchener, Ontario M. B. Church. After finishing grade XI he attended Coaldale Bible School; then, having moved to British Columbia, he attended Yarrow Bible and High School. From 1948-1951 he entered the M. B. Bible School and received his B.R.E. degree. Mr. Esau followed up this degree with an A.B. degree, having attended both Waterloo College and Western University; in 1950 he received his class A certificate for public school teaching from Ontario College of Education. Youth work and singing within the church, two years of teaching Sunday School and D.V.B.S. as well as one and one-half months of field work for Vacation Bible School in Ontario have given him experience in dealing with individuals regarding their souls' salvation. On August 25, 1951, he and Agnes Suderman were united in holy matrimony and are now making preparations for service in the Africa field.

MRS. AGNES SUDERMAN-ESAU, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Suderman, Port Rowan, Canada, was born on September 2, 1923, in Olginos, Russia. Before she was six years of age she began public school and completed grade eight at the age of twelve, but due to handicaps and difficulties she was unable to continue her high school education and at the age of fourteen went to work in a factory. It was during these years, through the influence of a saintly old lady, the prayers of her parents, and special meetings, that she finally accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of sixteen. In September, 1941, she followed the Lord in baptism and is now a member of the Kitchener M. B. Church. In 1950 Mrs. Esau received her B.R.E. degree from the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg; she also attended Waterloo College, had some correspondence courses and completed the theoretical studies of the first year in Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital Nursing School. Mrs. Esau has taught Sunday School, D.V.B.S., and served under the M.C.C. Voluntary Service Unit as a nurse in the Mental Hospital one summer, and made visitations in the hospitals and homes. On August 25, 1951, she married John Esau in Port Rowan, Ontario. The Esaus have two daughters, Mary Lois, born on April 15, 1953 in Port Rowan, Ontario, and Katherine Grace, born on June 29, 1954, at Chilliwack, British Columbia.



*Be still, and  
know that I am  
God: I will be  
exalted among the  
heathen, I will be  
exalted in the  
earth.*

—Ps. 46:10.



REV. AND MRS. GEORGE FAUL AND FAMILY  
Velva, North Dakota

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

GEORGE EUGENE FAUL, born June 7, 1927, in Velva, North Dakota, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Faul, Velva. During his early years he came to the knowledge of his need of the Saviour through D.V.B.S., Sunday School and the consistent Christian teachings of his parents and accepted Christ as his Saviour at the age of twelve. In August, 1940, he was baptized and received into the Sawyer M. B. Church. Two years were spent in the Minot Bible School, then for one year he transferred to the Minot High School. The following two years were spent in Tabor Academy where he completed grade twelve on June 10, 1945. Again in 1947 and 1948, after having been discharged from service, he enrolled in Tabor College. Later he continued his education in Minot State Teachers College and completed the four year course in Prairie Bible Institute on April 17, 1953. Choir singing and directing, teaching Sunday School, preaching, doing personal work during street meetings, and distributing tracts compose the bulk of his church activities. On June 2, 1949, he married Margaret Lenora Wiens. After they had made a definite commitment to serve the Lord in Africa, they again enrolled in Tabor College. In September 1954 they proceeded to the Belgian Congo via Belgium for a year of study.

MRS. MARGARET WIENS-FAUL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Wiens, Chicago, Illinois, was born November 23, 1925, in Forest Park, Ill. It was on December 26, 1943, that she finally realized that she really needed a Saviour and on June 4, 1944, she was baptized and joined the Sawyer M. B. Church in 1949. Two years were spent in a worldly High School, Proviso High School, but through the influence of a former friendship she entered Tabor College in 1944. She continued in Tabor through the first two years of College and received her A. A. degree in May, 1948. The two years spent in Prairie Bible Institute were mainly in the study of the Bible. Some blessed summers were spent teaching D. B. B. S. This, together with house visitation, gave her a view into the hearts of men and women who needed the Saviour, and thus she yielded her life for full time service. On June 2, 1949, George Eugene Faul and she joined hands in marriage and for service together in Africa. The Fails have one daughter: Elizabeth Marie, born July 17, 1951, in Minot, North Dakota.





MISS ELSIE FISCHER  
Kafumba, Africa

*Faithful is he that calleth  
you, who also will do it.*

—1. Thess. 5:24.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ANNA ELSIE FISCHER, R. N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Fisher, Dallas, Oregon, was born in Dallas, on November 17, 1923. At the age of twelve she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and joined the M. B. Church of Dallas upon confession of faith and baptism, on June 27, 1937. Miss Fischer attended the Dallas High School, graduating in 1941. In 1943 she entered nurses training at the Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing, where she received the R. N. degree in May, 1946. Further education was obtained at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas; University of Oregon Medical School, where she received the B. S. degree; Vanport College; and Multnomah School of the Bible. During the summer of 1951 she took a course at the Summer Institute of Linguistics at the University of Oklahoma. During her years of service in the various hospitals, she frequently had the privilege of dealing with unsaved fellow students. She also served the Lord in teaching Sunday School and in D.V.B.S. Miss Fischer made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on April 15, 1952, was accepted for service in Africa, ordained by the Dallas M. B. Church on August 3, 1952, with Rev. Walter L. Penner, Rev. G. H. Jantzen, and Rev. Henry Hooze officiating, and left New York on August 30, 1952 for a year of study in Belgium prior to beginning missionary service in the Belgian Congo in 1954.







REV. IRVIN L. FRIESEN AND FAMILY  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

*I can do all things  
through Christ which  
strengtheneth me.*

—Phil. 4:13.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

IRVIN LEANDER FRIESEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Friesen, was born at Reedley, California on August 22, 1920. He was converted at the age of twelve and joined the Los Angeles M. B. Church after baptism. During his sophomore year in high school the Lord spoke to him concerning service in Africa. In 1938 he received his high school diploma from the Reedley Joint Union High School. He attended the Dinuba Bible School the following year. From 1939 to 1941 he studied at Reedley Junior College, receiving the A.A. degree. After graduation he enrolled at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and graduated in 1944. During the time he was in Los Angeles, Mr. Friesen had many opportunities to serve in gospel teams, street meetings and personal contacts with individuals. He applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Africa on June 28, 1944. On November 11, 1944 he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Gunther of Reedley. They were ordained by the M. B. Church of Dinuba, California, on November 26, 1944. The Friesens sailed from New York on January 18, 1946 for their first term of service in Africa where they did the village evangelism work on the Kafumba field. They arrived on furlough September 8, 1952 and returned for their second term on February 2, 1954.

MRS. LYDIA JOSEPHINE GUNTHER FRIESEN was born at Bakersfield, California on July 14, 1921. She was saved at the age of thirteen and joined the M. B. Church of Reedley upon confession of faith and baptism. Her secondary education was obtained at Dinuba Union High School, Immanuel Bible School and the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. She received the diploma and certificate of the Christian Education Course from Biola in 1944. While in Bible training she yielded her life to the definite call of God for service in Africa and on September 19, 1944, made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. She was married to Irvin L. Friesen on November 11, 1944, and two months later they left the homeland for missionary service in the Belgian Congo.

Karen Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Friesen, was born in December, 1949; and their son, Glen Merlin, was born October 31, 1952.





MISS ERNA FUNK  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

*Be strong and of a good  
courage, fear not, nor be  
afraid of them: for the Lord  
thy God, he it is doth go  
with thee; he will not fail  
thee, nor forsake thee.*

—Deut. 31:6.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ERNA ESTHER FUNK, R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius J. Funk of Corn, Oklahoma, was born at Corn on August 23, 1917. She was converted at the age of twelve and became a member of the Corn M. B. Church in 1932. She completed her high school education at the Corn Bible School and Academy in May, 1939. To equip herself for medical service Miss Funk entered nurses training at Western Oklahoma State Hospital on September 1, 1942, and was graduated on September 1, 1945. After much prayer and upon realizing the need for nurses in the mission field, she yielded herself completely to missionary service in the summer of 1946. On October 5, 1946, she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Africa. During the school year of 1946-47 she attended Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. She spent the summer and fall of 1947 at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, in the study of the French language. On November 2, 1947, she was ordained by the Corn M. B. Church. Miss Funk left New York City for Belgium on February 6, 1948, where she spent nine months in study. She worked at Kafumba till July, 1952, and at Matende from July, 1952, to October, 1953. On October 17, 1953, she returned to U. S. A. for furlough.





ARLENE GERDES, R. N.  
Kafumba, Africa

*For me to live is Christ  
and to die is gain.*

—Phil. 1:21.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ARLENE GERDES, R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gerdes, Mountain Lake, Minnesota, was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, on July 8, 1928. At the age of eleven she was convicted of sin during the services conducted by Dr. Laurie and therefore yielded her life to Christ and accepted Him as her personal Saviour. She was baptized and taken into the Mountain Lake M. B. Church on July 11, 1946. At a youth retreat she completely yielded her life to the Lord for full time Christian service. By teaching Daily Vacation Bible School, a Wednesday Evening Bible Class, and a Child Evangelism Class she has had ample opportunity to witness to the children as well as witnessing for her Lord to patients and workers as a nurse. She was graduated from Mountain Lake High School and the Mounds Midway School of Nursing and has attended Tabor College from September, 1946, to May, 1948. In 1953 she again enrolled in Tabor College in further preparation for service on the M. B. Mission field in Africa.





MISS ANNA R. GOERTZEN  
Matende, Belgian Congo

*The Lord is my rock, and  
my fortress, and my deliverer;  
my God, my strength, in  
whom I will trust; . . . .*

—Psalms 18:2.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ANNA RCSE GOERTZEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Goertzen of Reedley, California, was born at Kremlin, Oklahoma, on September 15, 1911. She was converted at the age of eleven and was baptized and received as a member of the M. B. Church of Henderson, Nebraska. She completed her high school education at the Madrid High School, Madrid, Nebraska in 1929. In the years 1929 and 1934 she studied at York and Kearney College, Kearney, Nebraska, where she received a third grade teacher's certificate. In 1934 she attended the Northwestern Bible School, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Two years later she served as Nurses' Aid at the Vocational and Franklin Hospitals, Minneapolis, Minnesota. After serving one term on the mission field, she enrolled at Tabor College and was graduated with an A.B. degree in 1947. During her years of preparation, Miss Goertzen took many opportunities to witness for the Lord. She spent one year at the Gospel Lighthouse Mission, Minneapolis, Minnesota; three years in teaching public school at Madrid, Nebraska; and about one year at the Franklin Gospel Mission. She was also active in church work; teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and helping in evangelistic work. She was ordained in 1938 at Paxton, Nebraska, by Rev. H. C. Flaming and Rev. H. D. Wiebe. She left for the mission field in Africa in July, 1938, and returned for her first furlough in May, 1945. In February, 1948, she went to study at the Tropical Medical School, Antwerp, Belgium, after which she again proceeded to Africa where she has been serving at the Kipungu and Matende Stations till the present time.





*Pray . . . also for us,  
that God would open  
unto us a door of ut-  
terance, to speak the  
mystery of Christ.*

—Col. 4:3.



REV. AND MRS. J. ROLFE GRAVES  
Panzi, Africa

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN ROLFE GRAVES, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Graves, was born on July 10, 1901 in Nat, Texas. After his conversion at the age of 17, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church of Nacogdoches, Texas. He received his High School diploma from Asbury Academy in June 1926, and attended Asbury College for two years, also one year of Seminary training was received at Asbury College. Rev. Graves spent some time doing mission work in the mountains of Kentucky, being leader of a youth group and doing personal work. He was married to Edna Gehman in Wilmore, Kentucky, on June 3, 1930. Obeying the call of the Lord to serve Him on foreign soil, the Graves sailed for Africa for their first term of service, in October, 1930. Since the mission station on which the Graves served was turned over to the Mennonite Brethren Mission, they also transferred their services to the M. B. mission. After spending their furlough here in the homeland, they are planning to leave for their fourth term of service in Africa.

MRS. EDNA GEHMAN GRAVES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gehman, was born on April 10, 1907 in Vermontville, Michigan. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at the age of nineteen and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, Vermontville, Michigan. After graduation from Vermontville High School in June 1924, she attended Asbury College, where she received the Home Economics Certificate in 1930 and the A. B. Degree in 1938. On June 3, 1930 she was married to John Rolfe Graves at Wilmore, Kentucky. Together with her husband she has served faithfully in the Belgian Congo of Africa for three terms.



*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

—Matt. 24:14.



MISS ELSIE GUENTHER  
Panzi, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ELSIE GUENTHER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Guenther, was born at Corn, Oklahoma, on January 1, 1910. Her conversion took place at the age of thirteen whereupon she was baptized and received as a member of the M. B. Church, Corn, Oklahoma. Her secondary education was obtained at Corn Bible School and Academy, Corn Oklahoma; Reedley Joint Union High School, Reedley, California; Pacific Bible College, Huntington Park, California; and Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. In her practical experience Miss Guenther majored in children's work: instructing in Daily Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for missionary service in Africa on December 12, 1944, and was ordained as foreign missionary by the Reedley M. B. Church on June 22, 1947. Miss Guenther left New York City on December 22, 1947 for her first term of service in Africa at the Matende Station. Miss Guenther is at home on her first furlough since July 25, 1953.



*The Lord is my light and  
my salvation; whom shall I  
fear? The Lord is the  
strength of my life; of whom  
shall I be afraid?*

—Psalm 27:1.



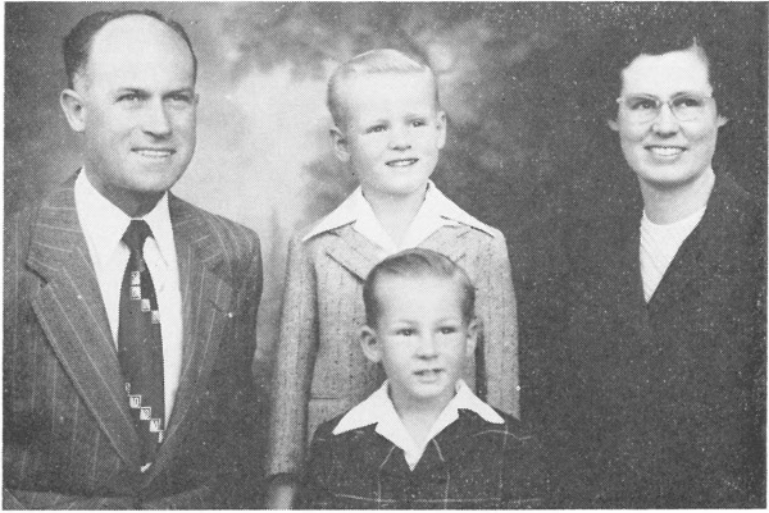
MR. AND MRS. BEN H. KLASSEN  
Morden, Manitoba

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

BENJAMIN H. KLASSEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Klassen of Morden, Manitoba, was born on November 11, 1928 at Dominion City, Manitoba. Because of the influence of a strong Christian home he accepted Christ as his Saviour at the age of 11 and at the age of 17 he followed the Lord in baptism. From that time on he strove towards the mission goal. In 1947 he was graduated from grade 12 at the M. B. Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg and later received a Sunday School Teacher's Certificate from the Winkler Bible School in 1949. In the fall of 1953 he attended Waterloo college to prepare himself better as a principal and High School teacher and here, in 1953, received his A. B. degree, then continued a six weeks teacher training course during the summer of 1950 at the Provincial Normal School. On August 20, 1950, at Elm Creek, Manitoba, he was united in marriage to Anna Loewen. He has taught Sunday School, D.V.B.S., sung in quartets and choirs and has frequently had the opportunity of preaching in several churches. He has been instrumental in leading individuals to the Lord. They were ordained at Morden, Manitoba on July 25, 1954. In September they sailed for the Belgian Congo via Belgium for a year of study.

ANNA LOEWEN KLASSEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob N. Loewen, was born on June 29, 1926, at Deloraine, Manitoba. Mrs. Klassen also was reared in a very fine Christian home. After many fears and struggles she could not resist Christ any longer and took Him for her Saviour when she was ten years of age. Eight years later she was baptized and accepted into the Kitchener M. B. Church. In 1949 she was graduated from grade 12 at the Winkler Collegiate Institute and attended Winkler Bible School from 1944 to 1945 and from 1946 to 1947. During the summer of 1947 she took a two months teacher training course at the Normal School in Winnipeg. Mrs. Klassen has served as Sunday School and D.V.B.S. teacher; sung in hospitals, and has been a leader of a Christian Girls Club. Following her marriage to Benjamin H. Klassen on August 20, 1950, she, together with her husband, taught in the Indian Schools in Northern Manitoba and later in London, Ontario.





REV. JOHN B. KIEWER AND FAMILY  
Kipungu, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN BERNARD KIEWER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Kiewer, was born on January 15, 1915 at Corn, Oklahoma. Under conviction of sin and fear of eternal separation from God, he accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour at the age of nine. Two years later he was baptized and received as a member of the M. B. Church of Bakersfield, California. After graduating from the Kern County Union High School in 1933, he continued his education at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California, receiving the Diploma of Missionary Course in 1938. While at the Institute, Mr. Kiewer consecrated his life to God for missionary service in Africa. From January, 1939 till August, 1943 he served a term of service in Africa under the Africa Inland Mission. He was pastor of the Bakersfield M. B. Church from October, 1944 till July, 1946. On August 17, 1945, he was united in marriage to Ruth Fast, Reedley, California. They were sent to the Belgian Congo of Africa on March 5, 1947 by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions where they labored faithfully at the Kipungu Station until they returned to America for furlough on October 3, 1953.

MRS. RUTH ELVINA FAST KIEWER was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Fast on January 17, 1924, at Paxton, Nebraska. She was converted, baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church of Paxton at the age of eleven. In 1936 the family moved to Reedley, California, where she completed high school in 1941. She attended Reedley College for one semester and in the spring semester of 1943 she enrolled at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California. There she studied for five semesters. It was during her Bible training that she felt the call of God to become a missionary. This call was confirmed after her marriage in 1945 to John B. Kiewer, who had already served one term of missionary service in Africa. The Kiewers have been working at the Kipunga Station in the Belgian Congo since their arrival on the field in 1947.

John Mark was born on February 23, 1949, and Philip Arthur on Oct. 1, 1951, both in the Belgian Congo.

*And it shall come to pass,  
that before they call, I will  
answer; and while they are yet  
speaking, I will hear.*

—Isaiah 65:24.







MISS DOROTHY KOPPER  
Kipungu, Belgian Congo

*Blessed be the Lord God,  
the God of Israel, who only  
doeth wondrous things.*

—Psalm 72:18.

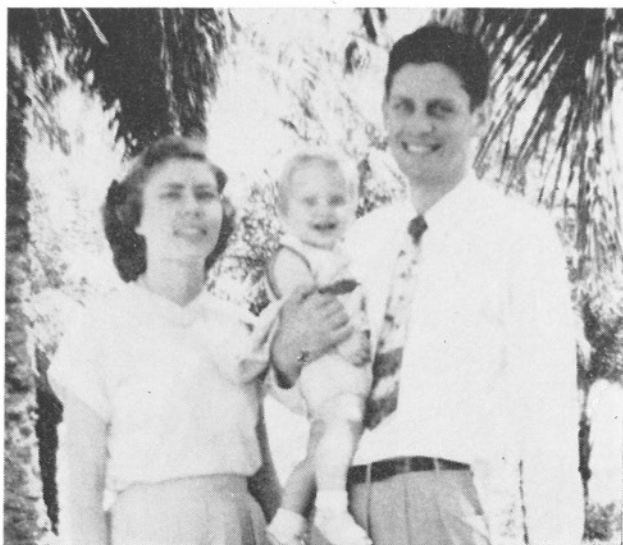
#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS DOROTHY LOUISE KOPPER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kopper, Bakersfield, California, was born at Shafter, California, on November 2, 1921. She was converted at the age of eight and joined the M. B. Church at Bakersfield by baptism. Her secondary education was obtained at Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California; Junior College, Bakersfield, California; Simpson Bible Institute, Seattle, Washington; and Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, California. She made application for missionary service to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in 1948 and was accepted for Africa. During the school year 1950-51 she was one of the teachers at the Post Oak Indian School, Indianahoma, Oklahoma. Miss Kopper went to Africa on May 23, 1952 and is now serving at the Kipungu station.



*We beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with us, in your prayers to God for us.*

—Rom. 15:30.



REV. AND MRS. BOB KROEKER AND FAMILY  
Africa

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ROBERT CARL KROEKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob E. Kroeker of Reedley, California, was born September 16, 1928, at Bakersfield, California. One month after his conversion, in May 1940, he was baptized and received into the M. B. Church at Bakersfield. Seven years later, in the fall of 1947, he gave his life for the Lord's service. Upon graduation from Immanuel Bible School, Reedley, in 1946, he entered Pacific Bible Institute and was there from 1946 to 1949; he then attended Tabor College from 1949 to 1950 receiving his A.A. degree from Reedley College in 1950. While attending P.B.I. he had the opportunity to witness of the saving grace of the Lord, taught children's classes, Sunday School, D.V.B.S. and preached the Word for six months. In the fall of 1949 Wanda Collins was united with him in holy matrimony. Mr. and Mrs. Kroeker were ordained on November 23, 1952, at the Reedley M. B. Church. The Kroekers are now serving their first term on the Africa field.

WANDA COLLINS KROEKER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Collins of Chehalis, Washington, was born on March 3, 1928, at Antioch, California. The Lord healed her of a very serious illness when she was five years old and a short time later she was led by her mother to accept the Lord. Rev. R. L. Cramer baptized her at the age of eight at Redlands, California, but it wasn't until she was 19 that she felt the inward compulsion of going to the foreign field. Upon graduation from High School she enrolled in Simpson Bible Institute, Seattle, Washington, and specialized in missions, graduating with the Missions diploma and being accepted as a missionary candidate under her board, the Christian and Missionary Alliance. However, in Pacific Bible Institute she received her A.B. in missions and met Robert Kroeker with whom she was to share a life of service on the M. B. Field in Congo, Africa. She attended Tabor College from 1949 to 1950 and in 1950 was graduated from Reedley College with an A.A. Degree. Mrs. Kroeker has served as Sunday School Teacher, D.V.B.S. teacher and as a Young People's leader. Mr. and Mrs. Kroeker have one daughter: Cherie Diane, born April 16, 1953, at Dinuba, California.





REV. AND MRS. HAROLD KRUGER  
Kafumba, Africa

*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*

—Ph'l. 1:6.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

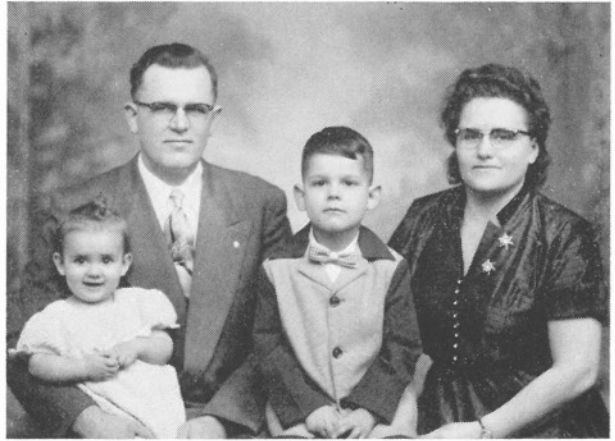
HAROLD PETER KRUGER, son of John G. Kruger, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, was born December 6, 1929 in Saskatoon. The fact that he had been dedicated to the work of the Lord since birth and having a Christian family and environment led to his early conversion at the age of eight. Missionary interest also began at an early age. Thus during the summers since 1949 time has been spent in various types of practical mission work as well as in teaching from two to eight weeks every summer for four years, in D.V.B.S. On August 26, 1945, he was baptized and became a member of the Saskatoon M. B. Church. Mr. Kruger attended the Aberdeen High School two terms and in 1945 he took his Senior Matriculation from Saskatoon Technical Collegiate. The following four years were spent in Prairie Bible Institute where he received his graduation diploma. On June 21, 1953, he was married to Susan Funk of Saskatoon. The time spent under the Western Children's Mission and help rendered during camp meetings gave the opportunity and joy of speaking to individuals about their souls. The Krugers are preparing for service on the M. B. Mission Field in Africa, and they studied the French language in Tabor College during the school year 53-54.

MRS. SUSAN FUNK KRUGER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Funk of Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan, was born April 2, 1929, in Blaine Lake. The first sixteen years of her life were spent in Blaine Lake, a small Doukhobour center where she had little opportunity to associate with God's people. Then in 1946, after the family had moved to Saskatoon and she had heard messages on what it meant to be a Christian, she also decided to make a break with the world and follow Christ as her Saviour. Mrs. Kruger returned to Blaine Lake to complete her High School in 1947, and immediately upon graduation entered St. Paul's School of Nursing in Saskatoon. Having completed her R. N. course, Mrs. Kruger helped as a nurse for a few months in a small town and prepared to enter Bethany Bible School where she studied and helped out as a school nurse. During the fall of 1952 she held the position as Clinical Instructor in her home town hospital and had the opportunity of witnessing of her Lord, to fellow nurses and staff members, along with the responsibilities held as sponsor of the Christian Fellowship Organization. While in Tabor College she studied French in preparation for service, together with her husband, on the Africa field. While in Brussels, Belgium, Rebecca Jane was born to them on August 22, 1954.



*Praying always . .  
and for me, that  
utterance may be  
given unto me, that  
I may open my  
mouth boldly, to  
make known the  
mystery of the gos-  
pel.*

—Eph. 6:18-19.



REV. AND MRS. THEODOR C. MARTENS AND FAMILY  
Kafumba, Africa

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

THEODOR C. MARTENS, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Martens, was born November 7, 1919, at Chortitz, Ukraine, Russia. It was on December 4, 1938, at the age of 19 that he came to know Christ as his personal Saviour. The following year he followed the Lord in baptism. After finishing grade ten in the German English Academy in Saskatchewan, he attended Bethany Bible School and was graduated there in 1942. Mr. Martens has also received his Th.B. Degree in 1948 from the M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg and his A.B. Degree in 1952 from Tabor College. In the line of Christian work, he has taught Sunday School, D.V.B.S., and worked in the Sand Beach Bible Camp, where he had many opportunities to deal with children and young people about their souls' salvation. He was united in holy matrimony to Frieda Willms August 24, 1946, at Steinbach, Manitoba. In December, 1953, Mr. and Mrs. Martens were ordained by the Niverville M. B. Church. They left New York February 2, 1954, and arrived at Matadi February 18, 1954, for their first term of service in the African field.

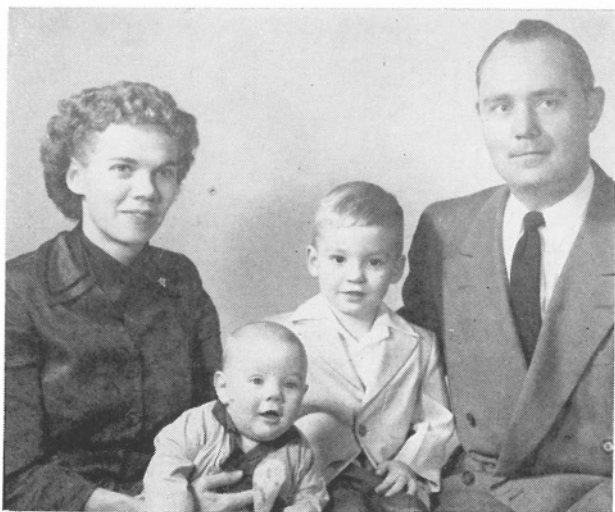
FRIEDA WILLMS-MARTENS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aron J. Willms, Steinbach, Manitoba, was born December 28, 1923, in Klee-feld, Ukraine, Russia. At the age of 12, the desire was awakened within her to be saved and she accepted Christ as her Saviour. Five years later she was baptized and received into the Niverville M. B. Church. In 1945, she was graduated from Coaldale Bible School and received 96 hours credit at the M. B. Bible College. She has served the Lord by teaching Sunday School and D.V.B.S. It has also been her privilege to speak to individuals about the Lord during street meetings and while working in various homes. Mr. and Mrs. Martens have two children: Theodor Robert, born February 16, 1948 at St. Boniface, Manitoba, and Frieda Carol, born August 8, 1952, at St. Boniface, Manitoba.





*For the love of  
Christ constraineth  
us.*

—II Corinthians 5:14.



REV. AND MRS. LESLIE ORTMAN AND FAMILY  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

LESLIE ORTMAN is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ortman, born January 17, 1929, near Dolton, South Dakota. Accepting Jesus as his Savior at 12, he followed Him in baptism and became a member of the Silver Lake Mennonite Brethren Church in September, 1941. Rev. Ortman says the Lord called him to serve Him when he became a Christian. Ever since then the conviction has grown with him to go where none have heard of Christ and His redemptive power. Attending Tabor College strengthened this conviction. Following graduation from Tabor in 1950, he received a master's degree from Kansas State College, Manhattan, and bachelor of divinity degree from Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. In Manhattan the Ortman's assisted in the Sunday school work of a Free Methodist Church. While attending Seminary and Kansas State, they served a Baptist-Methodist Union Church in Nettleton, Missouri. After Seminary training he returned to Kansas State for further graduate study and served as supply pastor of the Manhattan United Presbyterian Church. In November, 1955, they were ordained for missionary service by the Silver Lake Church. Departing from America in June, 1956, they spent a year in study in Belgium preparatory to work in Belgian Congo. Their work in the Congo is of an educational and evangelistic nature.

HOPE WIEBE ORTMAN was born November 10, 1925, in Chotzchan, China, the daughter of missionary parents—Rev. and Mrs. F. V. Wiebe. At the age of five she came to America and at nine accepted Christ and was baptized. After several years she felt a responsibility to dedicate her life to Christ for His service. Preparing herself for the teaching profession, she studied at Tabor College and later at Goshen College from which she was graduated with an AB degree. She taught a total of five years in public schools in Lehigh, Manhattan and Kansas City, Kansas. As Hope and Leslie joined in marriage, they agreed their lives would be given to the service of God. This, of course, was an affirmation of earlier, individual commitments, but which strengthened them as they prepared to serve God together. They were married August 29, 1950. Their family includes Mark Steven, born September 4, 1953, and Blake Daniel, born September 28, 1955. God-directed influences contributing toward Hope's interest in church service abroad were her missionary parents and the missionary emphasis of her church and the schools she attended.



*O give thanks unto the  
Lord; call upon His name:  
make known his deeds  
among the people.*

—Ps. 105:1.



KATY PENNER  
Kajiji, Africa

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS KATY PENNER, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Cornelius C. Penner, McMahon, Saskatchewan, was born March 15, 1924, in Olgino, Russia; in 1926 the family moved to Canada to make their future home. As a minister's child she came into contact with many missionaries and ministers who influenced her Christian walk, but it was not until at the age of fourteen that she made a definite clear-cut decision for her Lord. The following summer, July 28, 1940, she followed the Lord in baptism and joined the Reinefeld M. B. Church. After a year at home, helping her aged mother, Miss Penner attended Herbert Bible School (1940-1941 and 1942-1943), and in 1945 she received her diploma from Bethany Bible School. Seeing the need for further elementary training, Miss Penner resumed her studies through the Saskatchewan Correspondence School and in 1946 entered M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg. Aside from helping her parents on the farm and working as a seamstress for a year, she has devoted five years of her time to Sunday School work in the home church, D. V.-B. S. work and young people's work, thus being an instrument of the Lord in leading souls to the Lord. On August 10, 1952—with the officiating ministers: P. R. Lange, C. C. Penner, and H. F. Klassen—Miss Penner was ordained in the Reinefeld M. B. Church and on the thirtieth she sailed for her field of service, via Europe, for a year of study, to Africa.



*"Then spake Jesus again  
unto them, saying, I am the  
light of the world; he that  
followeth me shall not walk  
in darkness, but shall have  
the light of life."*

—John 8:12.



SARAH PETERS  
Winkler, Manitoba

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS SARAH PETERS was born at Haskett, Manitoba, on April 15, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac D. Peters. At the age of seventeen she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. After attending the Winkler Bible School from April 1944 to 1948, she furthered her education at the Winkler High School, and continued with Nurses training in the St. Boniface Hospital Training School, where she received her R. N. degree. During her nurses training, the Lord spoke to her concerning church membership and baptism, after which she became a member of the Winkler M. B. Church on September 6, 1953. Miss Peters has taken many opportunities to witness for Christ to her patients while in training, and also helped to lead children to Christ while teaching Sunday School and D.V.B.S. She applied for service to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on September 15, 1953, and was accepted on April 23, 1954, for service in Africa.





REV. ARNOLD PRIEB AND FAMILY  
Kajiji, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ARNOLD PRIEB was born at Buhler, Kansas, on February 6, 1924. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Prieb of Buhler. He was converted at the age of eleven and on May 31, 1936, he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Zoar K. M. B. Church, Inman, Kansas. He received his high school diploma from Zoar Bible Academy, Inman, in May, 1941. Further education was obtained at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas; American Bible College and Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California. He has a Th. G. degree from American Bible College, and an A.B. and Th.B. degree from Pacific Bible Institute. Mr. Prieb also spent nearly two years in Civilian Public Service during World War II. His practical experience includes preaching, musical service, and personal work. On September 21, 1945, he was united in holy matrimony to Rosella Alice Koop. They applied to the K. M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for missionary service on October 10, 1949 and were accepted as candidates for Africa. On September 24, 1950, they were ordained by the Zoar K. M. B. Church. The Priebes were sent to the M. B. mission field in the Belgian Congo of Africa on November 14, 1950, under the collaboration plan between the Mennonite Brethren and Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Conferences.

The Priebes are laboring on the Kajiji field at the present time.

MRS. ROSELLA KOOP PRIEB was born to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham P. Koop on February 3, 1926, at Fairview, Oklahoma. She was converted at the age of thirteen and on September 17, 1939, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the North Enid M. B. Church, Enid, Oklahoma. After she had finished her secondary education she studied at Tabor College for two years. On September 21, 1945, she was married to Arnold Prieb at Fresno, California. She served the Lord before going out into foreign mission work especially in helping her husband while he was pastor of the Evangelical Methodist Church, Exeter, California. The Priebes sailed from New York on November 14, 1950, for their first term in the Belgian Congo of Africa. They have five children the oldest Gloria Jean was born on October 9, 1946; Carol Joanne, born on June 24, 1948 (deceased, January 15, 1949); the twins Garry Lloyd and Larry Floyd were born on September 3, 1949. Arnold Peter, Jun e27, 1952 and James Merle, April 23, 1954.

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*Nay, in all these things we are  
more than conquerors through him  
that loved us.*

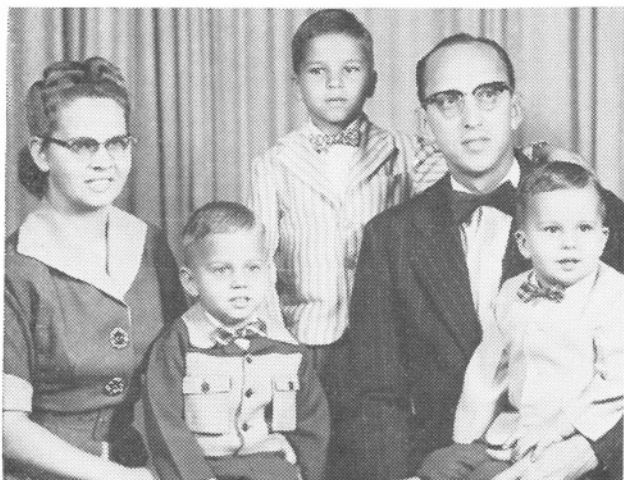
—Romans 8:37.





*Now therefore  
go, and I will be  
with thy mouth,  
and teach thee  
what thou shalt  
say. And he said,  
O my Lord, send,  
I pray thee, by the  
hand of him whom  
thou wilt send.*

—Exodus 4:12-13.



REV. JOHN C. RATZLAFF AND FAMILY  
Ecole Bell Vue, Belgian Congo

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN CORNELIUS RATZLAFF, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron H. Ratzlaff, was born at Corn, Oklahoma, on September 18, 1921. On August 14, 1938, following his conversion, he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Corn M. B. Church. He graduated from Corn Bible Academy in 1939. From 1939 to 1943 he attended Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, receiving the A.B. degree in the spring of 1943. Other schools attended are Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Northwestern Bible School, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas. On January 26, 1943, he exchanged marriage vows with Edna Lorene Reimer at Corn, Oklahoma. Mr. Ratzlaff surrendered his life to the Lord during his third year of college work and on February 17, 1946, made application for missionary service to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. He and Mrs. Ratzlaff were ordained as foreign missionaries by the Corn M. B. Church on August 11, 1946. They left New York City for Belgium on December 15, 1946, where they continued their studies for a year and a half. In August, 1947, they entered into full time missionary work in the Belgian Congo of Africa and served on the Kafumba and Djongo Sanga Stations for some time. On January 29, 1953 they returned home on furlough and returned for a second term on May 17, 1954 and are serving at Ecole Belle Vue.

MRS. EDNA LORENE RATZLAFF is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Reimer, Corn, Oklahoma. She was born on July 10, 1923 at Corn, Oklahoma. At the age of fourteen she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and joined the Corn M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. She graduated from Corn High School in 1941. During the school year of 1942-43 she attended Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. She also took some courses at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and Northwestern Bible School, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her practical experience includes child evangelism and personal work.

The Ratzlaffs have three sons. Donnie Ray was born on December 9, 1945, Glenn William on July 14, 1949, and John Wayne on April 30, 1951.





DR. AND MRS. E. W. SCHMIDT AND FAMILY  
Kafumba, Africa

*All things, whatsoever ye ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*

—Math. 21:22.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ERNEST W. SCHMIDT, M.D., was born at Hepburn, Saskatchewan, on December 5, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schmidt, Hepburn. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of eight and was baptized and accepted into the fellowship of the Saskatoon M. B. Church in 1938, where he served as pianist, choir member, Sunday School teacher and superintendent. Following graduation from Hepburn High School in 1941, he enrolled in the Hepburn Bethany Bible School. He was drafted for government service in 1943. After receiving his discharge from the service in 1945, he entered the University of Saskatchewan where he received the B.A. degree, and in 1947 he entered the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University where he was granted the M.D. and C.M. degrees in May, 1951. In 1951 he began his work of internship in the Saskatoon City Hospital. Feeling a definite call from the Lord to serve Him in a foreign field, he made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in August, 1946. On June 20, 1950, he was married to Leona Fast. The Schmidts were ordained by the Saskatoon M. B. Church on December 7, 1952, with Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. H. S. Rempel and Rev. Art Martens officiating. They left from New York on August 13, 1953, for a year of study in Belgium prior to beginning missionary service in Africa.

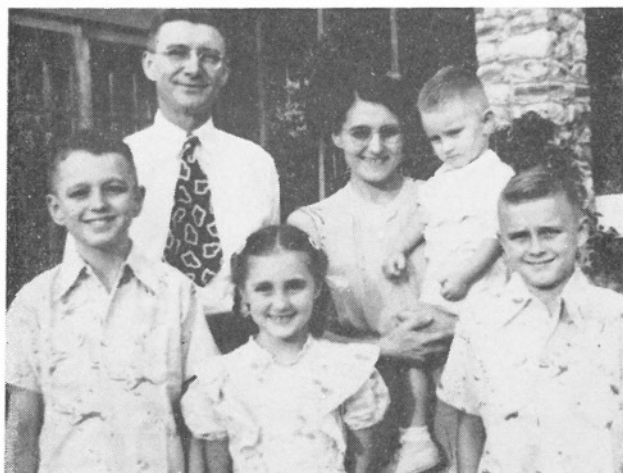
MRS. LEONA FAST SCHMIDT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Fast, Dalmeny, Saskatchewan, was born on January 28, 1923. At the age of twelve she was converted and joined the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church of Dalmeny. Upon completion of high school she attended Tabor Bible School, Dalmeny, for two years and Hepburn Bethany Bible School for one year. Later she took a commercial course at Success Business College. In March, 1947, she entered Saskatoon City Hospital School of Nursing, where she was granted the R.N. degree. Her practical Christian experience includes Sunday School work, teaching in D.V.B.S. and in Bible Camp. She united with the M. B. Church of Saskatoon in 1950 and was married to Ernest W. Schmidt on June 20, 1950.

The Schmidts have two children: Howard Peter James was born on February 18, 1952, and Joanne Carol was born on September 21, 1953.



*"Notwithstanding every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice."*

—Phil. 1:18.



REV. CLYDE A. SHANNON AND FAMILY  
Monroe, Iowa

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

CLYDE A. SHANNON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. G. Shannon, was born on April 21, 1912, in Monroe, Iowa. Following his conversion at the age of fourteen he was baptized and joined the First Baptist Church at Monroe. He was graduated from Monroe High School in 1930, and Moody Bible Institute in August, 1932. Feeling a definite call from the Lord to serve in a foreign field, he sailed for Africa where he served faithfully on the U.T.M. field, being supported by the First Baptist Church of Monroe, of which he was a member and where he was saved. Since the U.T.M. station on which the Shannons served was turned over to the Mennonite Brethren Mission, they also transferred their services to the M. B. Mission field. On March 4, 1937, he was married to Elizabeth Lemiere of Belgium. The Shannons returned for furlough, July 1953, and are planning to leave for further service in the Belgian Congo in 1955, the Lord willing.

MRS. ELIZABETH LEMIERE SHANNON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lemiere, was born on March 16, 1916, in Antwerp, Belgium. She received her elementary education and attended evening classes in Belgium. At the age of eight she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and was later baptized in the Belgian Congo, August 1933. In her early life she felt the call to the mission field, and was sent out by the Unevangelized Tribes Mission to Africa where she labored for about two years at Kafumba and learned to know the M. B. missionaries. It was on the Africa field where she was baptized upon confession of faith by Missionary A. A. Janzen. After serving for a period of years under the U.T.M. she was married to Rev. Clyde A. Shannon on March 4, 1937, at Kahemba and labored jointly with him at Kajiji. While on furlough in the U. S. A. she has been teaching children's Bible classes and a Sunday School class of high school girls. The Shannons have four children: Ralph Edwin was born April 10, 1938 in Shambunga, Africa; Jack Alvin, October 20, 1940 in Newton, Iowa; Carolyn Joy, April 20, 1943 in Lafayette, La., and Dennis Alan, June 3, 1949 in Mukedi, Africa.





MISS MARY J. TOEWS  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

*I am crucified with Christ:  
nevertheless I live; yet not I,  
but Christ liveth in me: and  
the life which I now live in  
the flesh I live by the faith  
of the Son of God, who loved  
me, and gave himself for me.*

—Gal. 2:20.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARY JESSIE TOEWS is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aron A. Toews, Namaka, Alberta. She was born at Taurien, South Russia, on December 16, 1910. She was converted at nineteen and joined the M. B. Church at Namaka after baptism. After completing her high school education, she attended normal school for one year. She has had five years of teaching experience. During this time she felt definitely called to consecrate her life to the Lord for the foreign field. During the school year of 1939-40 she studied at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. She took a summer school course at the Summer Institute of Linguistics at Briercrest, Saskatchewan, in 1945. Further education was obtained at Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, where she was granted the Bachelor of Religious Education degree in 1947. During the time of preparation for missionary service she took many opportunities to witness in house visitations, child evangelism, and personal work. She applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on April 19, 1946, and was ordained by the Namaka M. B. Church on July 13, 1947. On December 22, 1947 she left New York City by plane for the mission field in the Belgian Congo of Africa where she has been serving on the Kafumba Station until she came home on furlough on July 17, 1953. On September 4, 1954 she left for Belgium for further study before going back to Africa for a second term.





*"And as ye go, preach, saying, the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give."*

—Matt. 10:7-8



DR. AND MRS. VERNON W. VOGT AND FAMILY  
Ogallala, Nebraska

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

VERNON W. VOGT, M.D., son of Rev. and Mrs. Jacob W. Vogt, Corn, Oklahoma, was born on June 13, 1922, at Bessie, Oklahoma. From youth he was taught and admonished to attend Sunday School and worship services. He attended Tabor Academy and later Tabor College. It was not until the Tabor College Bible Conference in 1935 that he finally yielded to his Lord. During his college years he served as Sunday School teacher and was active in the Y.M.C.A., Mission Band, and choir. It was at Tabor College where he met Mildred Harder, who on August 24, 1944, became his wife. Dr. Vogt was graduated from Tabor College with the A.A. degree in 1941 and with the A.B. degree in 1948, after attending Friends University during the fall of 1946. In 1949 Dr. Vogt entered the University of Nebraska College of Medicine from which he graduated in 1953. He completed his internship June 30, 1954. During his course of study he has had many opportunities to witness to others regarding their soul's salvation and, by the grace of God will help to tell the millions yet in darkness in Africa of the healing love of Christ.

MILDRED HARDER VOGT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius E. Harder, Ogallala, Nebraska, was born on March 1, 1924, at Henderson, Nebraska. As a small child there was the desire to be saved, but the full meaning of it she did not comprehend until she was ten years of age when she fully accepted Christ as her Saviour. Two years later she followed the Lord in baptism and was taken into the Paxton M.B. Church. After graduating from Ogallala High School, she entered Tabor College and was graduated with the A.A. degree in 1943. However, she continued her studies another year. In Tabor College she met Vernon Vogt, whom she married on August 24, 1944. In August, 1949, the Lord took hold of their lives and led them into a more fully surrendered and separated life for Him. Mrs. Vogt has taught D.V.B.S., and done work in the church. She has also had the privilege of speaking to individuals about their souls. Dr. and Mrs. Vogt have three children: Kenneth Harold, born August 6, 1947, at Hillsboro, Kansas; Janet Marie, born April 10, 1951, at Omaha, Nebraska; and Joyce Ann, born August 29, 1952, at Omaha, Nebraska.



*And let us not be weary  
in well doing: for in due  
season we shall reap, if we  
faint not.*

—Gal. 6:9



MISS MATHILDA WALL  
Djongo Sanga, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MATHILDA WALL, R.N., born at Munich, North Dakota, March 18, 1915, is the daughter of Brother and Sister Cornelius C. Wall, Orland, California. Miss Wall was converted at seventeen and joined the M. B. Church at Munich, North Dakota, upon confession of faith and baptism. Together with her parents she moved to California where she finished High School and attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. There she felt called to become a foreign missionary, with a special burden on her heart for Africa. To equip herself for medical service she entered Highland School of Nursing, Oakland, California, February 14, 1943, and was graduated on February 14, 1946. During the time she was at Los Angeles and Oakland she took many opportunities to witness as a Sunday School teacher, Daily Vacation Bible School teacher, and by handing out tracts and doing personal work. From June 24, 1946, to September 13, 1946 she attended the Summer School of Linguistics at Caron, Saskatchewan, Canada. On July 12, 1946 she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Africa. During the school year of 1946-47, she attended Tabor College. On June 12, 1947, she was ordained as foreign missionary at the M. B. Church of Orland, California. Miss Wall left New York City on June 17, 1947, for her first term of service in Africa where she has worked faithfully on the Kafumba and Djonga Sanga Stations of the M. B. Missions in the Belgian Congo. Miss Wall returned to the homeland on October 21, 1953 for her first furlough and will be returning to the field during early 1955, the Lord willing.



*Whatsoever thy hand find-  
eth to do, do it with thy  
might.*

—Ecclesiastes 9:10.



MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR H. WIEBE

Kafumba, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ARTHUR H. WIEBE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Wiebe, was born August 30, 1926, at Garden City, Kansas. Upon confession of sin and faith in Christ as his Redeemer, he was baptized and accepted into fellowship of the Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Church at Garden City in October, 1938. When this church was closed, he became a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church at Ingalls, Kansas, in November, 1949. A statement by a Bible class teacher that there might be a foreign missionary from the class some day never left him. A period in Voluntary Service on the Mennonite Brethren mission field in south Texas was a helpful experience in Christian service and growth. This experience contributed significantly to his decision to offer his services to the Board of Foreign Missions as a builder and mechanic on the Belgian Congo field. Faced with the replacement of the William Goertzens who were serving in that capacity on the Congo field, the Board accepted the Wiebes as workers with employee status. Mr. Wiebe is a graduate of Tabor College. His experience in Christian service includes participation in Christian activities at Tabor, several years of Sunday school teaching and about a year of Voluntary Service.

ELLA VOTH WIEBE was born August 4, 1929, at North Newton, Kansas, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Voth. After accepting Christ, she became a member of the First Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas, in June, 1945. Her childhood interest in missionary service was strengthened by a summer of Voluntary Service on a Montana mission field. An uncle in missionary service in China and Japan and the interest of her parents in evangelization abroad contributed to her desire to be a missionary. In 1952 she received the RN degree from Bethel Deaconess Hospital, Newton, Kansas, and in May, 1953, the bachelor of science degree in nursing from Bethel College, North Newton. On October 12, 1954, she married Arthur Wiebe. Prior to marriage she became a member of the Ingalls Church which had a farewell service for them on March 27, 1955. Early in April, 1955, they departed for Africa. A daughter, Beverly Ruth, was born at Kajiji, Belgian Congo, March 13, 1956.



*In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.*

—I John 4:9.



MR. AND MRS. ORVILLE K. WIEBE  
Ecole Belle Vue, Africa

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ORVILLE KENNETH WIEBE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Wiebe of Garden City, Kansas, was born November 4, 1929, at Garden City. After periods of indecision, struggle, and indifference, he accepted Christ as his Saviour, and was baptized September 14, 1947, and taken into the Paxton M. B. Church. In preparation for a consecrated life of service Mr. Wiebe attended and graduated from Tabor Academy in May, 1948, and continued his studies in Tabor College, except the year 1950-1951 spent in Northwestern Schools, and was graduated with an A.B. Degree in 1952. He has had numerous assignments in Missions and has handed out tracts and testified to factory workers where he worked. Through the combined influence of church, school and faithful servants of God, he came to the realization that his life was God's, therefore, on November 9, 1952, he, together with his wife, left New York and are serving as teachers at the school for missionary children at Ecole Belle Vue, Congo Belge, Africa.

RUBY JANZEN-WIEBE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Janzen of Paxton, was born December 30, 1926, at Paxton, Nebraska. At the early age of nine she accepted Christ as her Saviour, and on September 26, 1937, she was baptized and joined the Paxton M. B. Church. In 1944 she was graduated from the Ogallala High School and the next two years she attended Bob Jones University. In 1947 she took nine hours at Kearny State Teachers College and completed her college course at Tabor College in 1950. Mrs. Wiebe has devoted much of her serving on a Gospel team and using her musical talent as a church pianist. Working with children and teaching elementary school for three years has given her opportunities to testify of her Lord to children. On June 8, 1951, she was united in matrimony to Orville Wiebe at Paxton, Nebraska.





*For God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begot-  
ten Son, that whosoever be-  
lieveth in Him should not per-  
ish, but have everlasting life.*

—John 3:16.



MISS KATHERINE FRANCES WIENS

Kafumba, Belgian Congo

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

KATHERINE FRANCES WIENS was born April 27, 1926, at Stepanofka, Russia, and later came to Canada with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wiens. Their Christian influence contributed much to her conversion at an early age. Several years of spiritual struggle ended with a decision to submit to the Lord's will and to prepare herself for His service by attending Bible school. Following her first year at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, she was baptized and became a member of the Coaldale Mennonite Brethren Church on July 24, 1944. Continuing her studies here, she completed Bible school in 1947 and high school in 1950. In 1955 she completed nurses' training and college work on the Great Falls and Bozeman campuses of Montana State College. After communicating her desire to be a missionary to the Board of Foreign Missions, she continued her preparation for service by attending Mennonite Brethren Bible College the first semester of the 1955-56 school year. The following spring and summer semesters she studied at a French institution — Bethel Bible School, Lennoxville, Quebec — where she began to acquire the French language. Miss Wiens was ordained by the Coaldale Church on December 26, 1955. Leaving for her first term of service in Belgian Congo late in the summer of 1956, she departed for a year's study in Belgium. In the Congo she serves God as a nurse, ministering to the physical needs of the people in an effort to point them to His redemptive love in Christ.





MISS KATHRYN WILLEMS  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

—2 Peter 3.9.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS KATHRYN WILLEMS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Willems of Hillsboro, Kansas, was born at Buhler, Kansas on September 16, 1907. At the age of fourteen she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. On June 18, 1922, she was baptized upon confession of faith and received as a member of the Zoar K.M.B. Church, Inman, Kansas. Some time later she, together with her parents, moved to Corn, Oklahoma, where she joined the M. B. Church. In April, 1927, she was graduated from the Corn Bible School. In 1935 she completed her high school training at the Corn Academy and Bible School. After serving her first term on the foreign mission field she enrolled at Tabor College and was graduated with a Th. G. degree in May, 1943. Before going out to serve the Lord in Africa, she served Him at home in teaching German school in the summers, and in practical nursing. She further had the privilege of teaching in the Sunday School for ten years. Miss Willems was ordained at Corn, Oklahoma, on April 13, 1944, by Rev. J. J. Wiebe and Rev. H. W. Lohrenz. She left New York for the Belgian Congo on April 29, 1936, where she served the Lord for five years. On June 13, 1946, she left Philadelphia for a second term in Africa where she has been laboring faithfully at the Kafumba Station. Miss Willems spent the year 1953 in the home land and on February 2, 1954 she again proceeded to her field of service in Africa.





MISS MARTHA WILLEMS  
Matende, Africa

*Call upon me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things that thou knowest not.*

—Jeremiah 33:3.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARTHA ESTHER WILLEMS is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Willems, Hillsboro, Kansas. She was born at Corn, Oklahoma, on April 24, 1926. She was converted at the age of 9 and on September 28, 1941, she joined the M. B. Church, Corn, Oklahoma, upon confession of faith and baptism. Miss Willems obtained her secondary education at Corn Bible Academy, receiving her High School Diploma in May, 1945. In September, 1945, she enrolled at Tabor College where she took an active part in Mission Band and in the Y.W.C.A. She was graduated in May, 1950, receiving the B. A. and the Th. G. Degrees. It was during these years that she felt the call of God to enter into missionary work. She has had two years of teaching experience. Other practical experience includes D.V.B.S. for 6 summers, Sunday School and personal work. Miss Willems applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on October 6, 1951, and was ordained as missionary by the Hillsboro M. B. Church on August 17, 1952, with Rev. A. E. Janzen and Rev. Waldo Hiebert officiating. She left New York on August 30, 1952, for study in Belgium prior to beginning missionary service, and left Belgium on March 18, 1954, to take up her duties on the M. B. mission field in the Belgian Congo of Africa.



# Brazil

## MISSIONARIES









MISS LINDA BANMAN  
Curitiba, Brazil

*So shall my word be that  
goeth forth out of my mouth:  
it shall not return unto me  
void, but I shall accomplish  
that which I please, and it  
shall prosper in the thing  
whereto I sent it.*

—Isaiah 55:11.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS LINDA BANMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram J. Banman, Winkler, Manitoba, was born at Winkler on October 8, 1921. She was converted at the age of eleven and was baptized and received into the Winkler M. B. Church three years later. She attended the Winkler High School Collegiate during the years 1940-1942. From September, 1943 to June, 1944, she attended the Manitoba Provincial Normal School in Winnipeg. Two years were spent in teaching school. It was during her second year of teaching that she felt called to be a missionary. In order to equip herself for missionary service, she began her studies at Tabor College in the fall of 1945. After three years at Tabor, she graduated with the Th.G. degree in the spring of 1948. On April 7, 1947, she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Brazil. She was ordained by the Winkler M. B. Church on August 22, 1948. Miss Banman left New Orleans on October 5, 1948. During the first two years of service, she was the only life-time missionary on the M. B. mission station at Curitiba and consequently the administrative responsibilities rested largely on her shoulders. The Lord blessed her efforts and gave her strength to carry on up to the present time.





OLGA PRIES, R. N.  
Curitiba, Brazil

*Continue in prayer, and  
watch in the same with  
thanksgiving; withal praying  
also for us, that God would  
open unto us a door of utter-  
ance, to speak the mystery of  
Christ.*

—Col. 4:2-3.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS OLGA PRIES, R. N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Pries, Alexander, Manitoba, was born in Orenburg, Russia on February 11, 1925. At the age of 18 she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour, and the following year she was baptized and received into the Griswold M. B. Church. Her practical work has been in the Sunday School, working in a Summer Bible School and doing personal work. She attended Winkler Collegiate during the spring of 1946 and 1947. In the fall of 1944 she entered the Winkler Bible School and received her Diploma of Evangelical Teacher Training Association and Diploma of Standard Bible Course in 1948. She then spent four years in nurses' training receiving her R. N. degree from the Brandon Manitoba Hospital on February 15, 1953. During the first semester of 1953-1954 she attended Tabor College and made final preparations for her appointment to the Brazil field. Miss Pries was ordained as a foreign missionary at the Griswold M. B. Church on December 13, 1953. She left from New Orleans on December 31, 1953, and arrived at Santos, Brazil, on January 25, 1954, for her first term of service at Curitiba, Brazil.



*Only fear the  
Lord, and serve  
him in truth with  
all your heart: con-  
sider how great  
things he hath  
done for you.*

—Samuel 12:24.



REV. AND MRS. ERVEN A. THIESEN AND FAMILY  
Curitiba, Brazil

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ERVEN ALFRED THIESEN was born at Reedley, California, on July 2, 1918. His Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Thiesen of Dinuba, California. Mr. Thiesen was converted at eleven and joined the M. B. Church of Reedley upon confession of faith and baptism. After high school graduation, he attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, receiving the Th.B. degree in June, 1943. During his Bible Institute days he took many opportunities to serve the Lord in preaching, Sunday School teaching, young people's work, and personal work. It was also at this time that he felt the call of the Lord to full-time Christian service. He served in the United States Navy for four years. In June, 1948, he received the A.A. degree at Reedley Junior College, Reedley, California. Mr. Thiesen was married to Lorene Alde Cornelsen on May 30, 1949. They applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in the spring of 1949 and were accepted for the mission field in Brazil. During the school year of 1949-50 Mr. Thiesen attended Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, graduating with an A.B. degree. The Thiesens were ordained as foreign missionaries at the Reedley M. B. Church on August 27, 1950, by Rev. J. B. Toews, Rev. B. J. Braun, and Rev. H. R. Wiens, and on October 5, 1950, they sailed from the port of New Orleans to begin their service at the M. B. Orphanage at Curitiba, Brazil.

MRS. LORENE ALDE CORNELSEN THIESEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob N. Cornelsen, Reedley, California, was born at Collinsville, Oklahoma, on July 27, 1922. She accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of nine. Three years later she moved to Reedley, California, with her parents where she was baptized and received as a member into the Reedley M. B. Church. She graduated from Reedley High School in 1940 whereupon she continued her studies at Reedley Junior College. For two and a half years she was employed in the office of Reedley Junior College and during this time became conscious of the fact that Christ was calling her into His service. She then attended Westmont College, Los Angeles, California, for one year. From 1945-48 she studied at Tabor College, and in addition served as Physical Education Instructor. Mrs. Thiesen was graduated with the A.B. degree in 1948. The year following graduation she was Physical Education Instructor and Supervisor of the Girls at Tabor. She was married to Erven A. Thiesen in the summer of 1949 at Reedley, California, returning to Hillsboro with her husband that fall to continue her service as Physical Education Instructor. Her practical experience includes Sunday School, Daily Vacation Bible School, and personal work. The Thiesens have two sons: Robert Carrol Thiesen, June 20, 1951; and Gerald Clyde, December 9, 1953.



# Colombia

MISSIONARIES







*But none of these things  
move me, neither count I my  
life dear unto myself, so that  
I might finish my course with  
joy, and the ministry, which  
I have received of the Lord  
Jesus, to testify the gospel of  
the grace of God.*

—Acts 20:24.



MISS ANNIE E. DYCK  
Istmina, Colombia

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ANNIE ELINOR DYCK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Dyck, Winkler, Manitoba, was born on October 19, 1918, at Winkler. Here she received her elementary, high school and Bible school education, graduating from the Pniel Bible School in 1944. Miss Dyck was converted at the age of twelve under the ministry of Missionary F. J. Wiens. In 1935 she followed the Lord in baptism and joined the M. B. Church at Winkler. With her conversion came the desire to serve the Lord, which, during the years of her Bible training, grew into a call for foreign missions service. However, even while at home, Miss Dyck applied her talents in children's work. On November 11, 1944, she applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions and was accepted for service in Colombia, South America. On March 25, 1945, she was ordained as foreign missionary by the Winkler M. B. Church. That fall she left home for Hillsboro, Kansas, where she spent one semester at Tabor College. Miss Dyck left Brownsville, Texas, on January 24, 1946. After a time of language study she took up the children's work at Istmina Station. Her outstanding contribution to the work is her musical talent and this she applies with great willingness. She also assisted in the teaching program of the school for nationals at La Cumbre. Miss Dyck returned for her furlough in July, 1951, and again proceeded back to the field on July 8, 1952.





REV. JOHN A. DYCK AND FAMILY  
Istmina, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN ABRAM DYCK was born to Mr. and Mrs. Abram Dyck on January 1, 1917. His family came to Canada in 1923 and settled at Mullingar, Saskatchewan. Here he was saved at the early age of twelve. In 1935 he was baptized and received as a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Mullingar. He completed his public school at Redfield, Saskatchewan, and took his high school work by correspondence. He graduated from the Bible and Missionary Course at Bethany Bible College, Hepburn, in 1941. In his junior year at Bible College the Lord called him into mission work. During the school year 1941-42 he attended the Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, Ontario. After graduation he returned to Saskatchewan to enter full-time mission work under the Western Children's Mission. He served as evangelist, Bible teacher, personal worker, and singer. On December 13, 1942, he was united in holy matrimony to Mary Letkeman. During the summer of 1944 Mr. and Mrs. Dyck attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics at Briercrest, Saskatchewan. Their ordination took place at Aberdeen, Saskatchewan on October 29, 1944. They made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Colombia on December 12, 1944. In September, 1945, he enrolled for one semester's work at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. The Dycks left Brownsville, Texas, on February 1, 1946, for Colombia, where they have served at Istmina and La Cumbre. After a brief furlough in the homeland they returned to Colombia in October, 1952.

MRS. MARY LETKEMAN DYCK was born at Aberdeen, Saskatchewan, on July 19, 1922. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Letkeman. At the age of fifteen she was converted and joined the M. B. Church at Aberdeen upon confession of faith and baptism. She completed her elementary and junior high school education at Aberdeen. In 1942 she graduated from the Bible Course at Bethany College, Hepburn, Saskatchewan. She also attended one session of the Summer Institute of Linguistics at Briercrest in 1944. Mrs. Dyck has worked with the Western Children's Mission for several years as Daily Vacation Bible School teacher and gospel worker. Upon completion of their language work after their arrival in Colombia, she had charge of the women's work at Istmina Station.

Roland Chester was born on September 30, 1943, and Rodney Eugene on March 22, 1946. Nancy Jean joined the family circle on November 27, 1950.

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*... Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, . . . and ye are witnesses of these things.*

—Luke 24:46-48.





REV. AND MRS. EBNER J. FRIESEN AND FAMILY  
LaCumbre, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

EBNER J. FRIESEN, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Friesen, was born July 31, 1915, at Aberdeen, Idaho. He accepted Christ as Savior August 10, 1932, and was baptized and received into membership of the Los Angeles Mennonite Brethren Church September 25, 1932. While in Civilian Public Service, he dedicated his life to the service of the Lord — an experience which Mrs. Friesen made independently about the same time. A graduate of Central California Commercial College, Fresno, he has done office work and been a salesman. While attending Pacific Bible Institute of Fresno, the Friesens began a Sunday school near Fresno which developed into the West Park Mennonite Brethren Church. Here they served under the Pacific District Mennonite Brethren Home Mission Board for five years. During the course of their ministry here, they were ordained on December 3, 1950. Later they served another mission congregation — the Potomac Mennonite Brethren Church which is an outreach of the Bakersfield Mennonite Brethren Church. Rev. Friesen is a graduate of Pacific Bible Institute of Fresno with the AB and ThB degrees. When the Board of Foreign Missions approached them regarding service in Colombia, the Friesens believed God was making possible a long-standing desire to work for Him in South America. Accepting this invitation, they were appointed as workers to Colombia with employee status.

MARTHA KLASSEN FRIESEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Klassen, was born February 10, 1920, at Mountain Lake, Minnesota. In October, 1932, she was saved, baptized and received into the fellowship of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church. Later she became a member of the Fresno Mennonite Brethren Church. Mrs. Friesen received a teacher's diploma from Mankato State Teachers' College in Minnesota and taught elementary and nursery school. In 1948 she was graduated from Pacific Bible Institute of Fresno. As a Christian worker she has helped in such home mission work as Sunday school, camping programs, summer Bible school and visitation. On June 30, 1943, the Friesens were married. They have a son, Merle Elon, born January 2, 1952. The Friesens are members of the Fresno Church. Their work in Colombia is to serve as houseparents and to teach at the missionary children's school at LaCumbre. Before departing for Colombia in 1956, they spent six weeks of the summer in Spanish language study at the Inter-American School of Spanish, Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico.

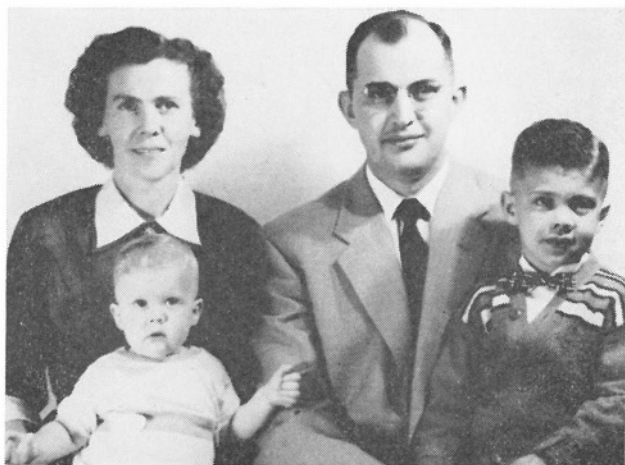
*Ye have not chosen me, but I have  
chosen you, and ordained you, that  
ye should go and bring forth  
fruit, and that your fruit  
should remain.*

—John 15:16.



*I will instruct  
thee and teach thee  
in the way which  
thou shalt go: I  
will guide thee  
with mine eye.*

—Ps. 32:8.



REV. AND MRS. ERNEST H. FRIESEN AND FAMILY  
Dinuba, California

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ERNEST H. FRIESEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave F. Friesen, of Dinuba, California, was born on February 1, 1925, at Fairbury, Nebraska. At the age of fourteen, he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour during an evangelistic campaign. About two years later, he was baptized and became a member of the Jansen M. B. Church. After graduating from the Fairbury High School in 1947, he attended Reedley Junior College, Fresno Junior College and Fresno State College, where he received his A. B. degree. In 1952 he received an A. B. in Missionary Anthropology and in 1953 his Th.B. degree from Pacific Bible Institute. He has served in such Christian activities as Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Rescue Mission Evangelism and has also done pastoral work for two years, counseling people and leading individuals to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. On December 22, 1949, at Fresno, California, he was united in marriage with Elsie Schafer. They were ordained by the Fresno M. B. Church on March 7, 1954. The Friesens are to go to the Mission Field in India under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in 1954, the Lord willing.

ELSIE SCHAFER FRIESEN was born on May 30, 1922, at McClusky, North Dakota, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Schafer. At the age of fifteen she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour and one month later she followed the Lord in baptism and became a member of the M. B. Church of Johannestahl in North Dakota. Two years after graduation from McClusky High School in 1940, she was granted a Commercial Certificate from Tabor College. In the fall of 1942 she accepted a position in the State Capitol, Bismark, North Dakota, and in the fall of 1944 entered Tabor College for two more years and was granted her A. B. degree. Aside from working and helping her widowed mother, and teaching Sunday School for seven years, she has worked as secretary to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, to the Hillsboro M. B. Church and to the President of Pacific Bible Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Friesen have two children: Roger Dale born on January 1, 1951 at Fresno, California; and James Myron, born on July 15, 1953, at Fresno, California.





*Behold, I have set before  
thee an open door, and no  
man can shut it.*

—Rev. 3:8.



DORIS HARDER, R. N.  
La Cumbre, Colombia

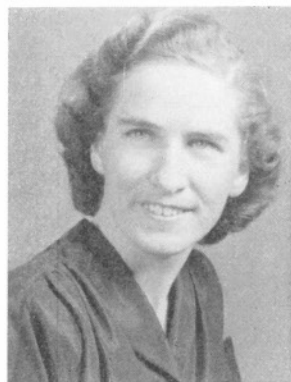
### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS DORIS ANNETTE HARDER, R. N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harder, Mountain Lake, Minnesota, was born on October 27, 1927, at Mountain Lake, Minnesota. At the age of 12 she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour during the services conducted by Rev. Hofer. She was baptized on August 30, 1942, and after a youth retreat held at the Carson Church she dedicated her life to the Lord. Her practical work consisted of: Chairman of a Missionary Fellowship, witnessing to patients and also helping in the King's Daughters organization at South Side Mission, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Upon graduating from the Bethel Swedish Hospital School of Nursing, she became an R. N. She received her B. A. at Tabor College in 1953. While in training at the hospital, she also received some valuable experience as chairman of the Nurses' Missionary Fellowship, witnessing to individual patients, and assisting fellow students in their Christian life. Miss Harder was ordained as a foreign missionary at the Mountain Lake M. B. Church on September 6, 1953, with Rev. A. E. Janzen and Rev. J. G. Baerg officiating. On November 2, 1953, she left for her first term of service on the Colombia Mission Field.



*I will give thee thanks in  
the great congregation: I  
will praise thee among much  
people.*

—Psalms 35:18.



MARTHA KROEKER  
Indiahoma, Oklahoma

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARTHA KROEKER, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Martin Kroeker, Marion, South Dakota, was born May 5, 1926, in Dolton, South Dakota. As a daughter in a real Christian home, Miss Kroeker was brought into contact with servants of God and so at the age of fourteen, December 31, 1940, she accepted the Lord as her Saviour and was baptized in September, 1941, at Marion, South Dakota and joined the Silver Lake M. B. Church. Miss Kroeker attended Freeman Academy and was graduated from there in May, 1945, however, she continued her education at Freeman and received an A. A. degree in May, 1948. Two years were spent in Tabor College where the A. B. degree was acquired in May, 1950, and another summer in the University of Oklahoma. Before taking up teaching responsibilities at the Post Oak Mission School in Indiahoma, Oklahoma, Miss Kroeker spent one month in Arkansas teaching D.V.B.S. and about two months teaching D.V.B.S. in the Ozarks in Eastern Oklahoma. The past three and one-half years have given her many opportunities to help children and young people to a better, closer walk with the Lord.





MISS KATHRYN LENTZNER  
La Cumbre, Colombia

*. . . . If God be for us,  
who can be against us? He  
that spared not his own Son,  
but delivered him up for us  
all, how shall he not with  
him also freely give us all  
things.*

—Romans 8:31-32.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS KATHRYN LENTZER, born on November 20, 1913, at Omsk, Siberia, came to America with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Lentzner, in 1917. She grew up at Larslan, Montana, where she was converted at the age of sixteen. She was baptized on September 7, 1930, and joined the Larslan M. B. Church which was at that time a branch of the M. B. Church at Lustre, Montana. She attended the Lustre Bible School during the years 1929-1932. Miss Lentzner was a willing worker in the church, serving as Sunday School teacher, and Christian Endeavor secretary. In the fall of 1937 she enrolled at the Tabor College Academy and received her academy diploma in May, 1940. The following two years were spent at Tabor College. In September, 1942, she began her studies at the Moody Bible Institute and graduated from the Christian Education course in April, 1945. The following year she took missionary subjects and Spanish at Moody's. For two years she served as assistant supervisor of the Circulation Department of the Moody Monthly, and also acted as personal worker in the Youth for Christ movement and at the Pacific Garden Mission. It was during this time also that she yielded her life to the Lord for foreign missionary service. She applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on October 3, 1945, for service in Colombia. On June 9, 1946, she was ordained as foreign missionary by the M. B. Church of Lustre, by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. Arthur Flaming, and Rev. J. J. Toews. Miss Lentzner left Brownsville, Texas, on July 26, 1946. On the field she served as director of the young people's work at the Istmina Station. She also conducted and supervised the bookstore containing religious literature in the Spanish language for distribution and sale. She came home on furlough on July 8, 1952, and in June 1953, she again returned to her field of service.



*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

—Psalms 91:1-2.



REV JAKE A. LOEWEN AND FAMILY

Noanama, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JACOB ABRAM LOEWEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram A. Loewen, was born at Romanovka, Orenburg, U.S.S.R., on September 1, 1922. In 1929 the family immigrated to Canada. He received his public school education in British Columbia and also attended the Chilliwack District Junior-Senior High School. His further educational achievements include graduation from the Elim Bible Institute, Yarrow, British Columbia, in 1941, and from the Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, Ontario, in 1944. During the summer of 1944 he attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics at Briercrest, Saskatchewan. In 1947 Mr. Loewen graduated with highest honors at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, receiving an A.B. degree in Humanities. From there he went to the University of Oklahoma where he continued Linguistics with the Institute of Linguistics. Mr. Loewen was converted at the age of fourteen and three years later was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church of Yarrow, British Columbia. He was an active and consecrated church worker and on February 27, 1944, he was ordained as a minister by the Yarrow M. B. Church. His practical experience includes children's work and evangelism under the West Coast Children's Mission. He was united in holy matrimony to Anne Enns on August 19, 1945. They were sent to Colombia via New Orleans by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on December 23, 1947. On the field his chief responsibility was the building of the Noanama Indian language. On June 16, 1953, they came to the homeland for furlough. Rev. Loewen is studying towards his M.A. in Linguistics in Washington State while on furlough.

MRS. ANNE ENNS LOEWEN was born in Petrovka, Siberia, on June 15, 1922, and came to Canada at the age of four. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Enns, Yarrow, British Columbia. After completing her elementary school she entered the Yarrow Bible Institute where she was awarded the Evangelical Teacher Training Diploma in March, 1942. In 1945 she completed her high school at the British Columbia School of Pharmacy and Science in Vancouver, British Columbia. Following her marriage to Jake Loewen in August, 1945, she accompanied her husband to Hillsboro, Kansas, where she spent three semesters studying music and language at Tabor College. In the summer of 1947 she attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. Mrs. Loewen found forgiveness of sins at the age of ten and joined the Yarrow M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism seven years later. In her practical experience she majored in children's work; for five years instructing Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible School and for four years teaching in the local kindergarten.

The Loewens have three daughters, Gladys Anne was born on May 8, 1947 and her sisters, Dorothy Joyce, arrived on January 26, 1950, and Sharon Faith, November 2, 1951; and one son, William James, February 15, 1954.







MISS RUTH LOEWEN  
La Cumbre, Colombia

*For God is not unrighteous  
to forget your work and  
labour of love, which ye have  
shewed toward his name, in  
that ye have ministered to the  
saints, and do minister.*

—Heb. 6:10.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS RUTH LOEWEN was born at Hillsboro, Kansas, on July 20, 1911. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Loewen of Hillsboro. Even before her conversion at the age of sixteen she felt that she should be a missionary. Upon confession of faith she was baptized and accepted as a member of the Hillsboro M. B. Church. She graduated from Tabor College Academy in 1941. She also carries a Th G. and A.A. degree from Tabor College. In addition she completed a five months nurses training course at the Mennonite Hospital, Beatrice, Nebraska. She was matron in the Oklahoma Bible Academy, Meno, Oklahoma, for two years and from 1946-48 she worked as part-time nurse in the Salem Hospital, Hillsboro, Kansas. On April 30, 1946 she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Colombia. She was ordained for missionary service by the Hillsboro M. B. Church on September 5, 1948. She left Brownsville, Texas on November 1, 1948, together with the Harry K. Bartels. On the field she served as matron and supervisor of the boarding of the children in the national school. On November 6, 1953 she returned to the homeland and has been taking some refresher courses in Tabor College. Miss Lowen hopes to return to the field in the Fall of 1954.



*Thou wilt keep  
him in perfect peace,  
whose mind is stayed  
on thee: because he  
trusteth in thee.*

—Isaiah 26:3.



REV. WILMER A. QUIRING AND FAMILY  
La Cumbre, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

WILMER A. QUIRING, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Quiring, was born at Mennon, Saskatchewan, August 17, 1919. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour in June, 1938. On July 23, 1938, he was baptized upon confession of faith and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Dalmeny, Saskatchewan. For his early Bible training he attended the Hepburn Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan for two and one-half years. In 1943 he was drafted for government service. After being released from service in 1945, he went back to Hepburn Bible School and was graduated in the spring of 1947. In the fall of that same year he enrolled at the Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California, and was graduated in June, 1949, receiving the A.B. and Th.B. degrees. On January 4, 1949, he made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions and was accepted for foreign service. He was married to Eugenia Fowler on July 23, 1949, at West Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Quiring's practical work consists of teaching and superintending Sunday Schools, singing in the church choir, directing young people, and doing evangelistic work among migrant workers in and around Fresno, California. In the fall of 1950 he enrolled at the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Connecticut, where he is working towards the M.A. degree. At present Rev. and Mrs. Quiring are serving at La Cumbre station, Colombia.

MRS. EUGENIA FOWLER QUIRING, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Fowler, Elmwood, Connecticut, was born on February 24, 1922, at Hartford, Connecticut. She received the joy of sins forgiven in September, 1940, when she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. In October, 1949, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the Bethany M. B. Church, Fresno, California. She obtained her secondary education at the Wm. Hall High School, West Hartford, Connecticut. In the fall of 1939 she enrolled at the Yale School of Music, New Haven, Connecticut, where she received a Bachelor of Music degree in 1943. The years of 1944 and 1945 she spent in Florida teaching at a private boarding school. After her return from Florida she enrolled for a year of study at the Albany Bible School, Albany, New York. In the fall of 1947 the Lord opened the way so that she could go to Fresno, California, and become a student teacher at the Pacific Bible Institute. She completed her studies at the Pacific Bible Institute in the spring of 1949, at which time she was graduated with an A.B. degree in Christian Education. She was married to Wilmer A. Quiring on July 23, 1949, at West Hartford, Connecticut. After their marriage Mrs. Quiring worked at the Fresno Bible House, Fresno, California. During the school year of 1950 and 1951 she, together with her husband, attended the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Connecticut. She served the Lord in teaching Sunday School, singing, and doing personal work among the migrant laborers in and around Fresno, California. The Quirings have one child, Naomi Ruth, born on September 3, 1951.



*... With men it  
is impossible, but  
not with God: for  
with God all things  
are possible.*

—Mark 10:27.



REV. AND MRS. VERNON A. REIMER

LaCumbre, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

VERNON A. REIMER, born April 20, 1930, at Chico, California, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Reimer. Returning home after an evening evangelistic service, he accepted Christ with the help of his mother at an early age. As a boy he also had the desire to devote his total efforts to the work of the Church. As a step toward the realization of this God-given ambition, he entered Pacific Bible Institute of Fresno in 1948 from which he was graduated with the AB degree in 1952. Continuing his studies at Dallas Theological Seminary in Texas, he received the master's degree in theology in 1956. His interest in presenting the Gospel has been expressed by his participation in street meetings, rescue mission work, rural missions, particularly among Indians, and boys' camp work. Seeking assurance that God wanted him to go abroad to witness for Him, he allowed the Spirit to speak to him through Scripture and came to the conviction he should apply for foreign missionary service. In March, 1955, the Reimers applied to the Board of Foreign Missions and were accepted the following October for service in Colombia. They were ordained by the Orland, California Mennonite Brethren Church June 17, 1956.

JOELLA RUTH PENNER REIMER, born August 9, 1932, at Corn, Oklahoma, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Penner. Around the age of nine she accepted Christ as Savior during revival meetings in her home church. Baptized on July 29, 1945, she became a member of the Corn Mennonite Brethren Church. As a student at Corn Bible Academy, she witnessed for Christ in street meetings and jail services sponsored by the school's Mission Band. As a young Christian, she had a desire to serve God as a nurse on a mission field. Following this leading by the Spirit, she entered Oklahoma General Hospital, Clinton, for nurses' training from which she received the RN degree in 1955. Her training for Christian service also includes attending Pacific Bible Institute of Fresno and Fresno Junior College in California. Married on September 2, 1955, Joella and Vernon joined lives to serve the Master together. After spending the summer of 1956 in Spanish language study in Mexico, they were scheduled to go to our mission field in Colombia where Rev. Reimer was to serve as a teacher and Mrs. Reimer as a nurse.



*Then he said unto them,  
Go your way, eat the fat, and  
drink the sweet, and send  
portions unto them for whom  
nothing is prepared: for this  
day is holy unto our Lord:  
neither be ye sorry; for the  
joy of the Lord is your  
strength.*

—Nehemiah 8:10.



MISS LILLIAN SCHAFER  
La Cumbre, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS LILLIAN SCHAFER was born to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Schafer at Alta, North Dakota on November 9, 1911. She completed her elementary and secondary education near her home, and then attended North Dakota State Teachers' College at Valley City. In 1941 she was awarded an A.A. degree at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. She has also attended the Kansas State Teachers' College, Emporia, for several terms. Miss Schafer's specialty is teaching and in it she has been engaged for more than twelve years. At the age of twelve she was converted and in 1931 was baptized and received into the M. B. Church, McClusky, North Dakota. In 1945 in answer to God's call she surrendered her life for service in Colombia. She applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on April, 1945. After she had been accepted for foreign service she was ordained in the summer of 1945, by the John's Lake M. B. Church, near McClusky, North Dakota. Miss Schafer left Brownsville, Texas for her first term of missionary service in Colombia on January 26, 1946. On the field Miss Schafer managed the Missionary Children's School and assists in the work at La Cumbre Station. She returned to the homeland in July, 1951 and returned to her field of service on July 8, 1952.





*The Lord is good, a strong  
hold in the day of trouble;  
and he knoweth them that  
trust in him.*

—Nahum 1:7.



MISS HERTA JUDITH VOTH  
Noanama, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS HERTA JUDITH VOTH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tobias Voth, Springstein, Manitoba, was born on January 3, 1923, at Lugovsk, Central Russia. When she was two years old, the family immigrated to Canada. After having spent several years in the new country, they settled at Springstein, Manitoba. At the age of fourteen she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and joined the M. B. Church of Springstein upon confession of faith and baptism. Circumstances obligated Miss Voth to begin her secondary education by correspondence. She completed her freshman year of high school in 1938 after which she was asked to spend a number of years working at home. In January, 1953, she enrolled at the Winkler Bible School where she was awarded the Sunday School Teacher's Certificate in March, 1945. During the summer of that same year she completed another year of high school by correspondence. In the Fall of 1945 she enrolled at the Springstein High School and completed the Matriculation Course in June, 1946. To equip herself for medical service Miss Voth entered the Misericordia Training School for Nurses, Winnipeg, Manitoba, January 7, 1947, and was graduated in May, 1950. During the time she was in training she took many opportunities to witness by handing out tracts and doing personal work. She has also served the Lord in teaching Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible School. On September 30, 1949, she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, and was accepted for foreign service. In September, 1951, she enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, to prepare herself further for the Lord's work, and on June 20, 1953 she left for the Colombia field to serve where the Lord had called her.



*. . . to heal the broken-  
hearted, to preach deliverance  
to the captives, and recovering  
of sight to the blind, to set at  
liberty them that are bruised.*

—Luke 4:18.



MISS ESTHER LEORA WIENS

LaCumbre, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ESTHER LEORA WIENS was born to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wiens at Hillsboro, Kansas, January 3, 1926. Growing up in a Christian environment, she recognized at an early age the imperative of accepting Christ and heeding His command to take the Gospel into the world. Miss Wiens became a Christian in 1937, and was baptized and accepted into the Mountain Lake Church in 1941. To prepare herself for Christian service, she entered Mounds-Midway School of Nursing, St. Paul, Minnesota, from which she received the RN degree in 1949. In 1955 she received the AB degree from Northwestern Schools in Minneapolis. At Northwestern her conviction to enter missionary service was strengthened. Applying to the Board of Foreign Missions, she was asked to serve in Colombia. In further preparation, she attended Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary the first semester of 1956. She was ordained by the Mountain Lake Church June 17, 1956. Miss Wiens has witnessed of the salvation in Christ in nursing, in Sunday school and Bible school teaching, and work in the South Side Mission in Minneapolis. Following Spanish language study in Mexico during the summer of 1956, she was scheduled to depart for work in Colombia where she witnesses for Christ through medical service.



*I thank my God  
always on your be-  
half, for the grace  
of God which is  
given you by Jesus  
Christ; That in  
everything ye are  
enriched by him,  
in all utterance,  
and in all knowl-  
edge.*

—1 Cor. 1:4-5.



REV. DANIEL A. WIRSCHÉ AND FAMILY  
Istmina, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DANIEL A. WIRSCHÉ was born at Herbert, Saskatchewan, on December 4, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. August Wirsche. Ever since childhood he had a desire to serve God. With his conversion at twenty, this desire was deepened and became more real. In 1932 he enrolled in the Herbert Bible School, Herbert, Saskatchewan, but later transferred to Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan where he also graduated. His further educational achievements include graduation from the college department of the Bethany Bible College and also the German-English Academy at Rosthern, Saskatchewan. From 1938 to 1943 Mr. Wirsche served as instructor at Bethany, his alma mater. He also served as director for the Western Children's Mission for two years, and engaged in an effective evangelistic ministry. During these years of service the conviction to serve in the foreign field grew upon him. On July 31, 1940, he was united in marriage to Elsie Fiedler and in October, 1942, he was ordained to the Gospel ministry at the Hepburn M. B. Church. The Wirsches applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in August, 1944, and left for the field in Colombia, South America on April 3, 1945. They were the first missionaries of the M. B. Conference to enter that field. During their first term of service they were in charge of the La Cumbre Station. They arrived home on furlough on July 25, 1949, and made their home in Hillsboro, Kansas, where Tabor College granted Mr. Wirsche the Bachelor of Arts degree in May, 1950. During the winter of 1951 Mr. Wirsche again served as instructor at Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan. On July 19, 1951 the family returned to the field for the second term of service.

MRS. ELSIE FIEDLER WIRSCHÉ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Fiedler, was born at Martin, North Dakota on October 15, 1919. In 1924 the family moved to Saskatchewan. At the age of nineteen, Mrs. Wirsche was born again and joined the M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. She attended the Speedwell Bible School, Speedwell, Saskatchewan from 1937-39. From here the Lord led to Hepburn, Saskatchewan, where she attended the local high school, and also graduated from the Missions and Evangelical Teacher Training Courses at Bethany Bible College. In the year 1940 she was united in marriage to Daniel A. Wirsche, and with this step came the decision to serve the Lord in the foreign field. During their first term in Colombia, South America, Mrs. Wirsche's special duty was to teach Spanish to new missionaries and also instruct in the national day school on the La Cumbre Station. After returning for a furlough she took some courses at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, during the school year of 1949-50.

The Wirsches have four sons. Allen Stanley was born on June 6, 1943; Wesley David arrived on May 2, 1945; Peter James, September 16, 1947; and Donald John, August 1, 1952.



*And let the beauty  
of the Lord our  
God be upon us:  
and establish thou  
the work of our  
hands . . .*

—Psalms 90:17.



REV. DAVID WIRSCHÉ AND FAMILY  
Noanama, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DAVID WIRSCHÉ was born at Hodgville, Saskatchewan, on February 16, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. August Wirsche. He completed his elementary education at Flowing Well, Saskatchewan, and his high school at the German-English Academy, Rosthern, Saskatchewan. He continued his education and graduated from Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan in 1942. In 1945 he was awarded a Th.B. at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. He has also completed the summer course of the Institute of Linguistics at Briercrest, Saskatchewan. Mr. Wirsche's interests in missions commenced with his conversion at the age of seventeen. This grew into a call to bring the scriptures to the aborigines of Colombia. While at home he served as evangelist of the Western Children's Mission and for one year was in charge of the mission press. He applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on August 7, 1944 and was sent out on December 21, 1945. His special duty on the field during his first term was linguistic work with the Indians at Noanama. He returned on furlough July 24, 1949, and on August 11, 1949, was united in holy matrimony to Dora Schellenberger at Blaine, Washington. He studied at Tabor College during the school year 1949-50 and was granted the A.B. degree. Mr. Wirsche attended the University of Washington for one school term, and on July 19, 1951 he left for Colombia and a few months later Mrs. Wirsche received her papers so she was able to join her husband on the Colombia field.

MRS. SALOME DORA SCHELLENBURG WIRSCHÉ is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Schellenberg, Lynden, Washington. She was born at Waldheim, Saskatchewan, on September 13, 1923. She found peace with God at the age of twelve and two years later followed the Lord in baptism and became a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church at Waldheim, Saskatchewan. In her seventeenth year the Lord began speaking to her about surrendering her life to Him for service, and while in Bible School she yielded to the call. She attended Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan, three years, graduating in April, 1944. Her practical experience includes Daily Vacation Bible School work, personal work, and house visitations under the Western Children's Mission. Mrs. Wirsche graduated from the Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas, in 1945 and received the A. A. degree from Tabor College in the spring of 1947. During the school year of 1947-1948 she enrolled in the medical course at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California. She was united in marriage to David Wirsche in August, 1949, and continued her studies at Tabor that fall. The Wirsches have one daughter, Joanne Gail, born on October 11, 1952, in Colombia.





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*My meat is to do the will of  
Him that sent me, and to  
finish His work.*

—John 4:34.



REV. AND MRS. HUGO W. JANTZ  
AND JANET  
Quito, Ecuador

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HUGO W. JANTZ, born March 5, 1930, at Laird, Saskatchewan, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Jantz, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. In the summer of 1944 he experienced the second birth, was baptized and became a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church at Laird, Saskatchewan. Missions, he says, were never strange to him. At home and in school the consciousness of the lost in foreign lands and the responsibility to bring them the Gospel was fostered, and the willingness to go where the Lord would have him was ever prevalent. His preparation for Christian service includes graduation from the high school of Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta; Eden Bible School, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, and Mennonite Brethren Bible College. As a Christian worker he has been young people's leader in his home church, taught Sunday school, led street meetings, done house visitations and taught in the Mennonite Brethren Bible School, Chilliwack, British Columbia, from 1953 to 1955. Applying to the Board of Foreign Missions, the Jantzes were asked to go to Quito, Ecuador, to serve in the German broadcasting department of HCJB radio station. They were ordained by the Broadway Mennonite Brethren Church, Chilliwack, British Columbia, January 22, 1956. They departed for San Jose, Costa Rica, in April, 1956, where they spent several months in Spanish language study before proceeding to their work at HCJB.

KATHERINE GOERZEN JANTZ was born November 1, 1929, at Coaldale, Alberta, to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron H. Goerzen. After the death of her father, her mother married George P. Reimer and they now reside at Virgil, Ontario. At a Sunday school picnic in the summer of 1945 she gained assurance of salvation in Christ and was baptized several months later. While attending Eden High School and Bible School, the Lord spoke to her concerning the many souls in heathen darkness. In further preparation for service for the Lord, she entered nurses training at Hamilton General Training School for Nurses in Ontario from which she was graduated in 1954. Enjoying her training immensely, she found ways to witness for the Lord as she served patients and participated in a Nurses' Christian Fellowship. On June 27, 1954, Katherine Goerzen and Hugo W. Jantz were married. A daughter, Janet Lorraine, was born to them April 17, 1955.



*O bless our God, ye  
people, and make the  
voice of his praise to  
be heard.*

—Psalms 66:8.



REV. AND MRS. DAVID NIGHTINGALE  
Quito, Ecuador

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DAVID NIGHTINGALE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham P. Nightingale, was born on October 11, 1922, Alexanderkrone, Russia. Mr. Nightingale was converted at the age of eight and joined the M. B. Church of Yarrow, British Columbia, upon confession of faith and baptism on September 24, 1939. He obtained his secondary education at the Maple Ridge, Hanney, and Chilliwack High Schools, all of which are located in British Columbia. In 1941 he enrolled at the Normal School, Vancouver, British Columbia, but was soon obliged to discontinue his studies to answer the call of the government. He served in the Canadian Army Medical Corps from 1943 till 1945. Immediately after he received his discharge from government service he enrolled at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he was graduated with the Th.B. degree in June, 1948. Later he spent three summers studying at the University of British Columbia. Mr. Nightingale has had a year of experience in teaching in a grade school and has also spent one year teaching in a high school. He has also served the Lord in teaching Sunday School and Child Evangelism classes. On July 7, 1948, he made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions and was accepted for service in Ecuador. On August 13, 1950, he was married to Annie Peters at Yarrow, British Columbia. In September, 1951, he and Mrs. Nightingale enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, where they further prepared themselves for missionary service in Ecuador. On January 12, 1953, they left for the field of service and are at present on the staff of H.C.J.B. Radio Station at Quito, Ecuador.

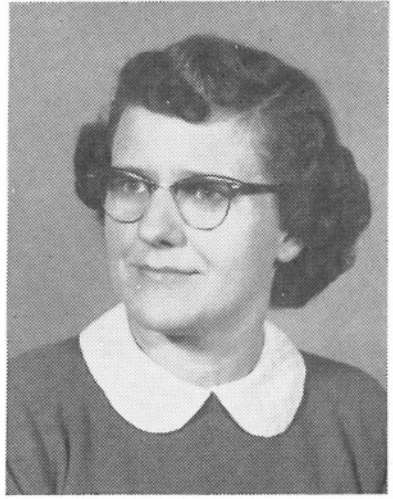
MRS. ANNIE PETERS NIGHTINGALE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Peters, Yarrow, British Columbia, was born on November 18, 1929, at Rush Lake, Saskatchewan. She was converted at the age of eleven and was baptized and received as a member of the German Baptist Church near Swan River, Manitoba, three years later. The following year she, together with her parents, moved to British Columbia where she joined the Yarrow M. B. Church. In September 1945, she enrolled at the Sharon Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Yarrow, British Columbia, where she also received her high school diploma in June, 1949. On August 13, 1950, she was married to David Nightingale at Yarrow, British Columbia. Her practical experience consists of teaching Sunday School and directing Child Evangelism classes. In September, 1951, she together with her husband enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, where they further prepared themselves for missionary service in Ecuador.

The Nightingales have three children: Grace Fay, born April 24, 1952; Theodore David, born March 13, 1953, and Kenneth Harold, born May 27, 1954.



*Let the word of Christ  
dwell in you richly in all  
wisdom; teaching and admon-  
ishing one another in psalms  
and hymns and spiritual  
songs, singing with grace in  
your hearts to the Lord.*

—Colossians 3:16.



MISS SALLY SCHROEDER

Quito, Ecuador

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

SALLY SCHROEDER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Schroeder, was born at St. Francois Xavier, Manitoba, February 19, 1926. At the age of 11 she became a Christian and at 17 was baptized and accepted into the membership of the Steinbach Mennonite Brethren Church. While working among migrant laborer camps in California during a period of Voluntary Service, God spoke to her about personal participation in missionary service. Returning to Manitoba, she taught in Winnipeg where she had opportunity to witness for Christ to teachers and students. Later at a missionary conference at Mennonite Brethren Bible College it became clearer to her that God wanted her to serve Him abroad. Applying to the Board of Foreign Missions in July, 1955, she was accepted for service the following October in the German department of HCJB radio station in Quito, Ecuador. Her formal education includes attendance at the University of Manitoba, Mennonite Brethren Bible College and Emporia State Teachers' College and graduation from Manitoba Normal School and Tabor College. Her experience as a Christian worker includes Sunday school teaching, organizing and sponsoring Inter-School Christian Fellowship groups, church music and children's camp counselor. On August 12, 1956, she was ordained by the Steinbach Church. Thereafter, she left for Spanish language study in Costa Rica preparatory to work in HCJB.





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*Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.*

—Hebrews 12:1b and 2a.



MR. AND MRS. ELTON BERG

Linz, Austria

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ELTON BERG was born June 18, 1930, at Richey, Montana, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tobias J. Berg. His father's death at the age of nine and the influence of his mother contributed much toward his accepting Christ as his Savior at the age of 11. Three years later he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Bethlehem Mennonite Church, Bloomfield, Montana. Later he became a member of the Lustre, Montana Mennonite Brethren Church. From 1948 to 1952 he attended Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, to prepare himself for Christian service. There his missionary interest sensed a need for workers in Europe. Later he attended Tabor College, being graduated in 1952. Applying to the Board of Foreign Missions, he and Ella were accepted as workers in Europe with employee status. After a farewell by the Lustre Church, their home congregation, they departed for Europe in December, 1955, for a term of service.

ELLA REDDIG BERG, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Reddig, was born May 7, 1930, at Lustre, Montana. Converted at the age of eight, she was baptized and received into the Lustre Church August 9, 1942. Relatives in missionary service and the missionary emphasis of the schools she attended caused her to consider evangelistic work abroad. Ella attended Tabor College Academy, Prairie Bible Institute and Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Nebraska. The Bergs were married at Lustre June 29, 1954. Mr. Berg's experience in the homeland has included Sunday school teaching, street meetings, radio speaking, junior church services and Bible camp work. Mrs. Berg has taught child evangelism classes, aided in jail services and street meetings, done house visitation and Bible camp work.



*What shall I render unto  
the Lord for all his benefits  
toward me? I will take the  
cup of salvation, and call upon  
the name of the Lord.*

—Psalm 116:12,13.



MISS MARIA FOTH

Linz, Austria

MARIA FOTH, first child of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich I. Foth, was born April 10, 1918, at Gnadental, Molotschna, Russia. She was reared in the Christian home of her parents until she was 14. Her parents were forcibly removed to Siberia early in World War II, and she came under such influence in Russian schools that she forgot her training and became saturated with atheistic ideas. But God had chosen her for one of His messengers, so He led her through deep and bitter waters until she realized that all good came from Him. She found peace at the feet of her Savior and followed Him in baptism May 15, 1946, at Ibersheim, Germany. Reaching Canada in January, 1948, she became a member of the South End Mennonite Brethren Church, Winnipeg, on May 21, 1949. From a university in Odessa, Russia, Miss Foth received a degree equivalent to an AB. In June, 1952, she was graduated from Mennonite Brethren Bible College with a ThB degree. Miss Foth taught school in Russia and Germany for 10 years. For five years she taught part-time in Mennonite Brethren Bible College, where she was also Dr. A. H. Unruh's private secretary for two years. She served her Lord and church by teaching in Sunday school and at summer camps, supervising girls' clubs, doing house visitation work and acting as church librarian. She applied to the Board of Foreign Missions in July, 1954, for service in Europe and was accepted for work among women and children in Austria with employee status. Miss Foth left New York City February 24, 1955, and is now serving at Linz, Austria.



*Let all those that  
seek Thee rejoice  
and be glad in  
Thee: and let such  
as love thy salva-  
tion say continu-  
ally, Let God be  
magnified.*

—Ps. 70:4.



REV. ABE J. NEUFELD AND FAMILY  
Neuwied, Germany

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

REV. ABE J. NEUFELD, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Neufeld, St. Catharines, Ontario, was born May 2, 1920, in the Ukraine. In 1926 he came to Canada together with the rest of the family. They settled in Manitoba where he received his elementary school training, and was later graduated from grade 12, Steinbach Collegiate in 1943. In 1946 he enrolled at M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and was graduated in June, 1950, receiving the Th. B. Degree. He was saved when he was eleven years old, was baptized in August, 1944, and joined the M. B. Church of Niverville, Manitoba. As a lad he had the desire to proclaim the Good News of Salvation to those without the Saviour. In 1945 Mr. Neufeld went out as a teacher-missionary to the Indians in Northern Canada. He also taught three terms at Yarrow Bible School, Yarrow, B. C. On June 7, 1953 he was ordained as a minister of the Gospel by the Yarrow M. B. Church, and served the Kief M. B. Church as Minister for one year. During the school year 1953-1954 he attended Minot State Teachers College. On August 17, 1946, he was married to Miss Irene Loewen at Steinbach, Manitoba. They made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Europe and were accepted for that field in October, 1954. During the school year 1954-55 Mr. Neufeld attended Tabor College in further preparation for missionary service.

MRS. IRENE LOEWEN NEUFELD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Loewen, was born January 15, 1926, at Fairbury, Nebraska. At the age of eleven she was saved and in June, 1942, she was baptized and became a member of the E. M. B. Church, Steinbach, Manitoba. A year later her membership was transferred to the Steinbach M. B. Church. She has served the church in the choir, as Sunday School teacher, D. V. B. S. teacher and girls' chorus director. After completing Grade 12 at Steinbach Collegiate Institute in 1945, she attended M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, for one year, and in 1943 finished a short Teacher's Training Course. She taught in the public schools for two years. On August 17, 1946, she was united in marriage to Abe J. Neufeld. The Neufelds have three sons: Thomas Raye born December 9, 1947; Charles Timothy born May 21, 1949; and Gareth Wayne born July 7, 1951. At present they are residing in Hillsboro.





*For I am not  
ashamed of the Gospel  
of Christ; for it is the  
power of God unto sal-  
vation to every one that  
believeth.*

—Romans 1:16.



REV. AND MRS. J. W. VOGT  
Linz, Austria

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

REV. JACOB WILLARD VOGT, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Vogt, was born April 15, 1897, in Moundridge, Kansas. Upon confession of faith and baptism on July 11, 1915, by Rev. H. H. Flaming, he joined the Corn M. B. Church in Oklahoma. After attending the Bible School and Academy in Corn, Oklahoma, (1913-1915) he continued work in S. W. T. C. Weatherford, Oklahoma, and Tabor College Academy from 1916-1921. On August 31, 1919, he was united in marriage to Martha Ruth Wiens at Clinton, Oklahoma. Again during the years 1922, 1925-1928 he attended Tabor College where he acquired the B. A. degree. After completing his college work, Rev. Vogt took a position as an instructor in the Corn Bible School and Academy. In the years 1934-1936 he was Assistant Editor of the Mennonite Brethren Conference Publications and has been editor of the Christian Leader, as well as chairman of various organizations. In 1934 the family of five moved to Hillsboro where in 1936 Rev. Vogt assumed the pastorate of the Hillsboro M. B. Church for twelve years. Upon resignation from these duties in 1948, Rev. Vogt again resumed his teaching and guidance of the young people in the Corn Bible Academy. Together with the Corn quartet the Vogts made a tour through Germany, Austria, Holland, and Switzerland in the summer of 1952, and had a very fruitful ministry. The burden for lost souls in Europe continued after their return to the homeland and increased so that when the call for missionary service by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions came in 1953 they accepted and sailed together with the J. W. Gossens for a term of service in Europe. The Vogts left for Europe on July 24, 1953.

MRS. MARTHA WIENS VOGT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wiens, was born October 16, 1897, in Hillsboro, Kansas. During her girlhood years she was convicted of sin and felt the need of the Saviour. On May 31, 1914, upon confession of faith and baptism she was accepted into the Bessie M. B. Church. On August 31, 1919, she married Jacob W. Vogt at Clinton, Oklahoma. Mrs. Vogt has always had the desire for service and throughout the years of education, teaching and pastoral services rendered by her husband she has been the sincere, helpful, spiritual friend and mother to the many with whom she came in contact. During the summer of 1952 the Vogts traveled together through Europe, preaching and ministering to the needy people there. Because of the burden upon their hearts for these people, Rev. and Mrs. Vogt responded to the call of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for further service in Europe in 1953. The Vogts have five sons: Vernon William born on June 13, 1922; Cornelius Wendel, born on September 8, 1924; Harold Waldo, born on March 15, 1926; Milton Wayne, born on February 8, 1931; and Eugene Wallace, born on March 4, 1936.



*O magnify the Lord with  
me, and let us exalt his name  
together.*

—Psalms 34:3.



MISS ELIZABETH C. WIEBE  
Neustadt, Germany

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ELIZABETH CATHERINE WIEBE, daughter of Jacob Z. Wiebe, was born March 26, 1899, in Hillsboro, Kansas. Following her conversion she was accepted as a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Hillsboro, Kansas, upon confession of faith and baptism on September 20, 1916. Miss Wiebe received her High School diploma from the Garden City High School in 1924, then entered Southwestern State Teacher's College in Weatherford, Oklahoma, where she also received her A. B. degree in 1932. Other schools attended were: Moody Bible Institute for a summer and Kansas City Bible College for a year. The twenty and one half years of experience in teaching in the public schools of Kansas and Oklahoma, fifteen of which were spent in the city schools of Garden City, and working in the training school for young teachers who did practice teaching under her supervision, were rich in opportunities for her Lord. On February 8, 1948, from Hoboken, New Jersey, Miss Wiebe left for three years of service under the M. C. C. in Europe and returned again to Europe on February 28, 1951. Beginning with January 1, 1954, Miss Wiebe has been serving under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in Neustadt, Germany.



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*So the heathen shall  
fear the name of the  
Lord, and all the kings  
of the earth thy glory.*

—Psalms 102:15.



REV. AND MRS. PETER V. BALZER  
Makhtal, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

PETER V. BALZER, born on May 22, 1891, at Inman, Kansas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Balzer. He was converted at the age of fifteen and joined the M. B. Church, Hooker, Oklahoma, upon confession of faith and baptism. He was a faithful worker in the home church and also did evangelistic work for two years. In 1914 he enrolled at Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas, and was graduated from the college with an A.B. degree in the spring of 1920. A few years later he was graduated from Central Baptist Seminary with a Th.B. degree. During their second furlough, he enrolled at Phillip's University, Enid, Oklahoma, and was graduated with an M. A. degree in May of 1945. He was married to Elizabeth Kornelsen on January 1, 1922, at Henderson, Nebraska. They were ordained as Missionaries in 1923 at Hooker, Oklahoma, by Rev. H. W. Lohrenz and Rev. H. H. Flaming. In the same year, they left San Francisco for their first term in India and returned via New York in 1930. Their second term lasted from 1934 till 1942. In 1945 they left from Baltimore for their third term in India and labored at the Devarakonda Station until their furlough of one year in 1953. The Balzers returned for their fourth term of service on March 16, 1954.

MRS. ELIZABETH KORNELSEN BALZER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Kornelsen, was born January 2, 1901, at Henderson, Nebraska. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of thirteen and was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church, Henderson, Nebraska. She received part of her high school education at the Henderson High School and finished it at Tabor College Academy in 1921. She continued her education, together with her husband, at Central Baptist Seminary some years later. They first left for missionary service in India in 1923.







REV. JACOB J. DICK AND FAMILY  
Shamshabad, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JACOB J. DICK, born at Shoenbrunn, South Russia, April 19, 1904, is the son of Brother and Sister John Dick. Brother Dick was converted at eighteen and joined the M. B. Church at Litchfield, Russia upon confession of faith and baptism. He attended Zentral-schule and Bible School in Russia. On June 30, 1925, he was married to Anna Berg at Alexanderkron, Russia. Brother and Sister Dick spent the winters in evangelistic work and visiting the scattered Christians. In 1933 they fled from Russia through China to India. They began work with the M. B. missionaries at Kalvakurty in 1934. In 1936 the Conference accepted them as full-time missionaries. They came to Canada for furlough in April, 1939. During this time they attended Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. Brother Dick also attended the M. B. Bible College at Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1950 during the second furlough. They were ordained at Coaldale, Alberta, on May 20, 1940, by Brother B. B. Janz. Brother and Sister Dick left San Francisco September 4, 1941, for their second term of service in India where they worked faithfully on the Wanaparthi field. On May 4, 1949, they returned to New York for their second furlough. They resided in Winnipeg, Manitoba, for one year and in the fall of 1950 they moved to Hillsboro, Kansas, where Brother Dick took classes at Tabor College. The Dicks took their four youngest with them for their third term of service on the M. B. Mission field at Shamshabad.

MRS. ANNA BERG DICK was born at Alexanderkron, South Russia, on Sept. 18, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Berg. She was converted at the age of eighteen and joined the M. B. Church at Lichtfeld, Russia, the same year. Mrs. Dick taught Sunday Schools while in Russia, often meeting secretly in the forest. After their flight from Russia, they took up mission work in India. The Dicks have seven children, as follows: Helga Anne (Mrs. Graham Upham) born March 24, 1926; Helen Eleanor (Mrs. Walter Friesen) born July 31, 1933; Margaret Grace, born August 7, 1935; Harold John, born October 6, 1937; Paul David, born December 1, 1939; William Robert, born April 15, 1942; Elizabeth Ann, born July 13, 1947; and two sons-in-law, Graham Upham, and Walter Friesen and two grandchildren.

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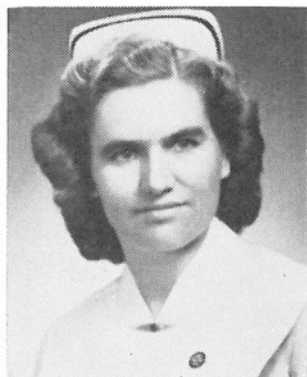
*For though I preach the gospel I  
have nothing to glory of: for necessity  
is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto  
me, if I preach not the gospel!*

—I Cor. 9:16.



*I beseech you therefore,  
brethren, by the mercies of  
God, that ye present your  
bodies a living sacrifice, holy,  
acceptable unto God, which  
is your reasonable service.*

—Romans 12:1.



MISS HELEN DUECK  
Wanaparthi, India

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HELEN DUECK was born in Alisowo, Orenburg, Russia, January 6, 1925. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Dueck, came to Canada in 1926 where they settled on a farm at Coaldale, Alberta. At 10 she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. On August 18, 1941, she was baptized and received into membership of the Coaldale Church. From childhood she was conscious of the importance of missions. Visiting missionaries in the home, Mrs. B. P. Epp — her missionary sister to Paraguay, the missions emphasis of her home church and her work in school were God-directed influences leading her into foreign missionary service. It was not until she was in nurses' training, however, that she determined whether the Lord was calling her into such service. In 1951 she completed a three-year missions course at Mennonite Brethren Bible College. Following this, she entered Galt Hospital School of Nursing, Lethbridge, Alberta, from which she was graduated with the RN degree in 1954. Her preparation also includes three years at Coaldale Bible School. As a Christian worker, she has taught vacation Bible school and Sunday school, done house visitation and tract distribution, organized and led a Nurses' Christian Fellowship and has been a member of the Bible College foreign missions committee. Following her ordination by the Coaldale Church December 26, 1955, she attended Tabor College for several months. Miss Dueck departed for India in May, 1956, where she is witnessing for the Lord as a nurse.



*He died for all that they  
which live should not hence-  
forth live unto themselves,  
but unto Him which died for  
them . . . .*

—II Cor. 5:15.



MISS ANNE L. EDIGER  
Gadwal, India

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ANNE LEONA EDIGER, born on November 20, 1920, at Melitopol, Russia, is the daughter of Mrs. John Ediger, Winnipeg. During the emigration of 1924, she together with her parents, came to Canada. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of eleven and joined the North Kildonan M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism two years later. Miss Ediger spent the school years of 1937-1938 studying at United College, Winnipeg. Further education was obtained at Winkler Bible College and Winnipeg Normal School, where she received the Teaching Certificate. During the summers 1942-1943 she attended Summer School at Gimli, where she was granted the Permanent Certificate for Teaching. In 1947 she enrolled at the M. B. Bible College and was graduated in 1950 with the B.R.E. degree. While at the M. B. Bible College she consecrated her life to God for missionary service, coming to Tabor College in January, 1953, for further studies. She has had eight years of teaching experience besides practical experience including Sunday School and D.V.B.S. work, as well as personal work. Miss Ediger applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on January 26, 1952, and was accepted for service in India and ordained. On August 6, 1953, she arrived in India, her field of service.



*Fervent in spirit;  
serving the Lord;  
Rejoicing in hope;  
patient in tribulation;  
continuing instant in prayer.*

—Romans 12:11b, 12.



PROF. AND MRS. JACOB EWERT AND FAMILY  
Bruton, Kodaikanal

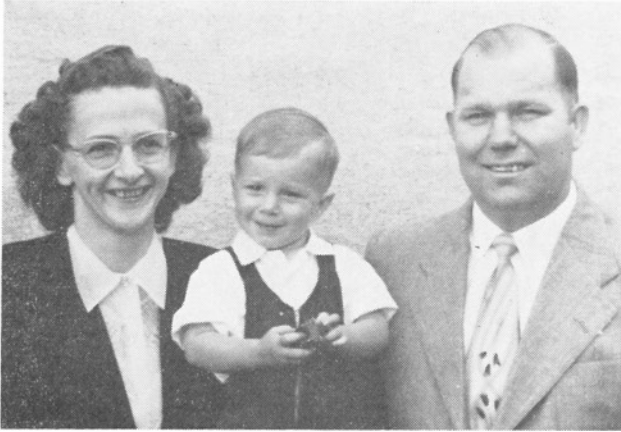
### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JACOB EWERT, son of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Ewert, Bingham Lake, Minn., was born on October 1, 1919, in Bingham Lake. During revival meetings held by Rev. David Hooge, he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. A year later after his conversion he was baptized and received as a member into the Bingham Lake, Minnesota M. B. Church. He received a Bible diploma in 1936 and a high school diploma in 1939 from Mountain Lake High School. In 1942 he entered Tabor College and was graduated in 1946 with the A.B. degree. After attending the Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Chicago, for one year, the Corn Bible Academy extended a call to him to teach. He accepted and taught there for five and a half years. During the summers from 1948 to 1951 he attended Southwestern State College at Weatherford, Oklahoma. Mr. Ewert has taught D.V.B.S. and has ministered in different churches. While teaching school, he had many occasions to assist pupils in their spiritual life. On August 3, 1951, he was united in marriage with Linda Heinrichs of Dinuba, California. The Ewerts were ordained by the Corn M. B. Church. They flew from New York on August 10, 1953, and arrived at Bombay, India, a few days later via plane and took up their responsibilities as houseparents in the Missionary Children's Home in Kodaikanal. Mr. Ewert is also on the teaching staff of the Kodaikanal School.

MRS. LINDA HEINRICHS-EWERT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Heinrichs of Dinuba, California, was born on August 4, 1922, at Hillsboro, Kansas. Following her conversion at the age of 14, she was baptized and taken into the Springfield K. M. B. Church near Lehigh, Kansas. During the school years of 1938 to 1942 she attended the Goessel High School but finished high school in Dinuba, California. After she had completely yielded her life to her Lord in 1943, she entered Tabor College and in 1945 was graduated with a Th.B. degree. To equip herself further for future service, Mrs. Ewert attended Pacific Bible Institute and has served the Lord by teaching Sunday School, D.V.B.S., and mid-week Bible classes. She has been summer Bible camp counselor, with the opportunity of dealing personally with the unsaved. The Ewerts have two children: Tommy Ray, born on October 12, 1952, and Paul Allan, born October 26, 1953.







REV. AND MRS. TED FAST  
Devarakonda, India

*And they that  
know thy name  
will put their trust  
in thee: for thou,  
Lord, hast not for-  
saken them that  
seek thee.*

—Psalms 9:10.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

THEADOR F. FAST, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard K. Fast, Dallas, Oregon, was born at Paxton, Nebraska on March 8, 1924. He was converted at the age of thirteen and joined the M. B. Church of Paxton upon confession of faith and baptism. The family moved to Dallas, Oregon in 1941. Here he graduated from high school in 1942. He attended the Multnomah School of the Bible from September, 1942 until March, 1943. On September 7, 1945, he was united in matrimony to Esther Heinrichs. They made their home in Fresno, California, where they attended the Pacific Bible Institute. Mr. Fast was also active in personal gospel work while in Bible training. During this time he felt the call to foreign mission work. He graduated with a Th.G. degree from Pacific Bible Institute in June, 1948. The Fastes applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in March, 1948, and were accepted for service in India in October, 1949. The Fastes were ordained on October 8, 1950 at Dallas, Oregon by Rev. Dan Friesen and Rev. G. H. Janzen. They left Seattle, Washington on January 23, 1951, and arrived at Madras, India on the 18th of March, 1951.

MRS. ESTHER HEINRICHS FAST was born on October 11, 1923 at Volt, Montana. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Heinrichs, Dallas, Oregon. The family moved to Oregon in 1936. Shortly after their arrival in Oregon, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour, was baptized and received into the M. B. Church, Dallas, Oregon. Ever since her conversion she has been burdened for mission work. She felt the call to go to Bible School to equip herself for the Lord's work. After her marriage to Ted Fast on September 7, 1945, they enrolled at the Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California. She graduated from a general Bible course in 1947. Mrs. Fast had received practical experience in Daily Vacation Bible School work in Fresno and neighboring places. The Fastes have one child, Roger Bernard, born October 24, 1952, in Devarakonda, India.



*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

—II Cor. 4:6.



DR. AND MRS. JAKE FRIESEN AND SON  
Jadcherla, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JAKE FRIESEN, M.D., was born at Inola, Oklahoma on March 19, 1920. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Friesen, Hillsboro, Kansas. The Lord saved him at an early age and in 1935 he was baptized and accepted into the fellowship of the Inola M. B. Church. Following high school graduation he attended the Corn Bible School, Corn, Oklahoma, one year. In the fall of 1940 he enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas where he completed the requirements for an A.B. degree in the spring of 1944. One semester was spent at Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas. He definitely felt that the Lord wanted to use him as a medical missionary and the way opened for him in November, 1945, to enter the University of Kansas at Lawrence. He applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on March 14, 1946. He received the M.D. degree from the School of Medicine, University of Kansas, on June 5, 1950. On June 22, 1950 he was married to Ruth Berg and on July 1 began his work of internship in the Fresno General Hospital, Fresno, California. The Friesens left for the mission field in India under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in 1951 and are working at the central hospital, Jadcherla.

MRS. RUTH BERG FRIESEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Berg, was born at Inola, Oklahoma on January 24, 1923. At the age of eleven she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour and the following year was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church at Inola, Oklahoma. Her secondary education was obtained at Corn Bible Academy, Corn, Oklahoma; Inola High School, Inola, Oklahoma; Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California; Reedley College, Reedley, California; and School of Nursing, Fresno General Hospital, Fresno, California. She received her R.N. degree on April 9, 1951. She was united in holy matrimony to Jake Friesen on June 22, 1950. Their little son, John Allen, joined them on the field on April 30, 1954.



*And He sent  
them to preach  
the Kingdom of  
God, and to heal  
the sick.*

—Luke 9:2.



DR. AND MRS. GERHARD JOHN FROESE, M.D., AND FAMILY  
Jadcherla, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

GERHARD JOHN FROESE, M.D., son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Froese, Manitoba, Canada, was born on October 10, 1922, in Kharkov, Russia. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour on November 9, 1942, while attending the Winkler Bible School. On August 29, 1943, he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the M. B. Church at Manitou, Manitoba. He attended the Winkler Bible School during 1942. In the fall of 1945 Dr. Froese entered the Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna and completed Grade XII there in 1947. Shortly after his conversion he very distinctly felt the call to the foreign field to serve the Lord as a medical missionary. In the fall of 1947 he entered the University of Manitoba at Winnipeg and finished the pre-medical course. In 1948 he was accepted as student of medicine at the University of Manitoba and was graduated with the M.D. degree in May, 1953. On September 3, 1950, he was united in matrimony with Annie Bergmann and they together transferred their membership to the South End M. B. Church of Winnipeg. The Froeses were ordained by Rev. J. P. Neufeld on June 14, 1953, in the South End Church. They sailed from New York on January 29, 1954, arriving at Bombay, India, on March 2, 1954, where Dr. Froese will serve as medical missionary on the M. B. Mission field in India.

MRS. ANNIE BERGMANN FROESE was born on November 1, 1928, at Steinbach, Man., Canada. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram P. Bergmann of Steinbach, Manitoba. At the young age of nine years she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and in 1943 she was baptized and received into the Steinbach M. B. Church. She attended St. Anne Collegiate Institute in Gretna, Manitoba, in 1947 and the following year she taught school. She received her Interim Teaching Certificate from the Provincial Normal School, Winnipeg, in 1949. Following her marriage to Dr. Froese in the fall of 1950, she attended the M. B. Bible College in Winnipeg. Mrs. Froese has served as Sunday School and D.V. B.S. teacher as well as doing personal work during her teaching career. The Froeses have two children, Kathrine Anne, born on June 19, 1952; and John David, born on November 6, 1953.



*My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

—2 Cor. 12:9.



MISS EDNA G. GERDES  
Gadwal, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS EDNA G. GERDES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gerdes, Bingham Lake, Minnesota, was born at Bingham Lake on October 12, 1919. At the age of thirteen she was converted and became a member of the Bingham Lake M. B. Church by baptism. Miss Gerdes had a desire to be a foreign missionary from the time she was a little girl, but it was not until her second year at St. Paul Bible Institute that she yielded her life completely into the Lord's hands. During the years 1938-40 she attended the Mountain Lake Bible School. From 1940-44 she studied at the St. Paul Bible Institute receiving a theology diploma in May, 1944. The following year she enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, and graduated with the Th.G. degree in May, 1945. She pursued further studies at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, during the school year of 1945-46. On May 23, 1945, she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions and was accepted as a candidate to India. Miss Gerdes was ordained as foreign missionary at the Bingham Lake M. B. Church on June 2, 1946 by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. Wm. Neufeld, and Rev. Dan Friesen. She left from New York City on October 4, 1946 for her first term of service in India where she has worked faithfully on the Gadwal Station of the M. B. Mission until the present time. Miss Gerdes came home for her first furlough on November 2, 1953.





*For I determined not to  
know any things among you,  
save Jesus Christ, and him  
crucified.*

—I Cor. 2:2.

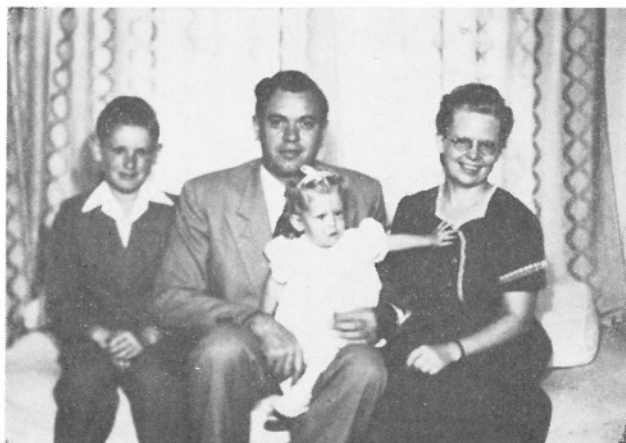


MISS HELEN HARDER  
Shamshabad, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS HELEN HARDER, R.N., was born at Fischau, Taurida, Russia, on February 20, 1919. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich P. Harder, Winkler, Manitoba. Together with her parents she moved to Canada at the age of six, settling at Winkler, Manitoba. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of ten and became a member of the Gnadenthal M. B. Church by baptism six years later. After completing Grade XII at Winkler Collegiate she began nurses training at the St. Boniface School of Nursing, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1939, and was graduated with the R.N. degree in May, 1942. During the school year of 1943-44 she attended Winkler Bible School, and feeling a definite call from the Lord to serve Him in a foreign land, she made application to the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions on May 11, 1945. She was ordained as foreign missionary by the M. B. Church, Gnadenthal, Manitoba, on January 20, 1946. Miss Harder sailed for India from the port of Seattle, Washington on February 18, 1946. She has been active as a medical worker on the Shamshabad Station since her arrival on the field. On June 4, 1953 Miss Harder returned to the homeland for her furlough.





REV. AND MRS. JULIUS J. KASPER  
Nagarkurnool, India

*Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.*

—Psalms 57:5.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JULIUS J. KASPER was born at Petrovka, Russia, on February 6, 1915. In 1939 he joined the M. B. Church, Herbert, Saskatchewan, upon confession of faith and baptism. Ever since his youth he had a desire to go to India. During the years of 1931-34 Mr. Kasper attended the Herbert Bible School. In 1937 he continued his education at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, graduating with the Th.G. degree in 1941. He spent four years teaching in the Herbert Bible School. On June 1, 1941, he was united in marriage to Eva Malinda Block who was taken from his side by accidental drowning on October 21, 1950. Their marriage was blessed with two sons: Jackie, born on May 11, 1942, and Julius, Jr., born on September 12, 1945. Julius, Jr., also lost his life in the Krishna River, India, with his mother on October 21, 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Kasper were accepted for service in India by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in the fall of 1942 and ordained to that ministry on August 23, 1942 by the Herbert, Saskatchewan M. B. Church. On February 18, 1946 they left Seattle for the mission field in India where Mr. and Mrs. Kasper had charge of the Nagarkurnool Station. After the death of Mrs. Eva Block Kasper in 1950, Mr. Kasper came home for a six months furlough. On January 12, 1952 he returned to India and was married to Miss Mary Doerksen on January 25, 1952, at Shamshabad, India.

MRS. MARY DOERKSEN-KASPER R. N., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Doerksen on November 24, 1912, at Brasel, South Russia. At the age of seven she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour. The following year the family emigrated to Canada. When she was seventeen, her parents passed away which made it impossible for her to continue her education. During this time while she was employed in housework, as well as later during nurses' training Mrs. Kasper took many opportunities to witness in doing personal work. In 1941 the way opened for her to enter the Training School for Nurses at the St. Joseph's Hospital, Winnipeg. After graduating in 1944, she seriously began to consider missionary service and on August 17, 1945, she sent her application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. She was accepted for India in October, 1946. Her ordination by the North End M. B. Church, Winnipeg, took place on June 22, 1947 by Rev. H. S. Voth, Rev. A. E. Janzen and Rev. P. J. Kornelsen. Mrs. Kasper left from San Francisco on November 28, 1947, for her first term of service in India. She was united in marriage with Julius J. Kasper on January 25, 1952. On September 6, 1952 the twins David (deceased September 6, 1952) and Elizabeth were born in Nagarkurnool.



*Ye are my witnesses,  
saith the Lord, and my  
servant whom I have  
chosen;*

—Isaiah 43-10a.



REV. AND MRS. HENRY G. KRAHN  
Hughestown, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HENRY G. KRAHN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Karl Krahn, Abbotsford, B. C., was born on July 7, 1923, at Chortiza, Russia, and six days later, together with his parents was brought to Canada. Henry was raised in a Christian home and always tried to live a good life, but it was not until after his public school days and inward struggle that he finally realized his need for a Saviour and accepted Christ into his heart. He attended Yarrow Bible School from 1941 to 1942 and Abbotsford Bible School from 1943 to 1944. In 1947 he entered the Mennonite Brethren College and was graduated with the B. R. E. degree in 1950; after a year, 1950 to 1951, in Tabor College, Mr. Krahn received his college diploma. He has worked in a Mission Sunday School, and has done street work, leading lost souls to the saving knowledge of Christ. However, this work was not enough, for God had called him to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to the heathen beyond. On December 30, 1952, he was united in marriage with Alice Bauman at Abbotsford, B. C. The Krahns are spending one year of practical training in the Indiahome Mission School before going to their field of service in India.

MRS. ALICE BAUMAN KRAHN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Bauman, was born on July 17, 1925, at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. As a child she was privileged in being brought up in a Christian home with parents who taught her the word of God, but it was after much praying and reading of the Word that she finally came to know Christ as her Saviour. Four years later she was baptized and became a member of the M. B. Church at South Abbotsford, B. C. She completed grade 10 at the Philip Sheffield High School in Abbotsford, attended the Mennonite Educational Institute, the Mennonite Brethren Bible School and the University of British Columbia, each for one year. In 1949, she entered the Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing and received her R.N. in May, 1952. Many blessings were hers in distributing tracts personally and by mail, assisting with the West Coast Children's Mission Sunday School and teaching Sunday School and D.V.B.S. She was married to Henry G. Krahn on December 30, 1952.



*Commit thy way  
unto the Lord; trust  
also in him; and he  
shall bring it to pass.*

—Psalm 37:5.



HERBERT L. KRAUSE AND FAMILY  
(Returned)  
Fresno, California

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HERBERT L. KRAUSE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Krause, was born on October 21, 1917, at Liberal, Kansas. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at the age of fourteen. Four years later, in April, 1935, he was baptized and accepted as a member of the Nazarene Church in Rogers, Arkansas. In 1940 he was accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Paxton, Nebraska. After having completed his elementary education he enrolled at the Hillsboro High School, Hillsboro, Kansas, and was graduated in 1938. In the fall of that same year he entered Tabor College and was graduated with an A.A. degree in 1940. He continued his education at Fresno State College, Fresno, California, in 1947 and was graduated with an A.B. degree in 1949. He was united in marriage with Rosella Flaming on December 27, 1940, at Reedley, California. Mr. Krause's practical experience before going to the foreign field consists of teaching Sunday School and public school. The Krauses felt the call to teach in India in 1947 and made application to the Board of Foreign Missions on October 8, 1949. They sailed for India in March, 1950, where Mr. Krause served on the teaching staff of the Kodaikanal School, South India. They returned to America in July 1953.

MRS. ROSELLA FLAMING KRAUSE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew B. Flaming of Reedley, California, was born on November 8, 1921, at Paxton, Nebraska. She was converted at the age of twelve and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Paxton on October 6, 1935 upon confession of faith and baptism. After having completed her elementary education she enrolled at the Madrid High School, Madrid, Nebraska, and was graduated in May, 1939. In the fall of that same year she enrolled at Tabor College where she studied for one year. On December 27, 1940, she was united in holy matrimony with Herbert L. Krause at Reedley, California. Her practical experience before going to the foreign field consists of teaching in Sunday Schools, Immanuel Bible School, and working in the Christian Fellowship on the West Coast. They sailed for India in March, 1950, where Mrs. Krause served as matron at Bruton, the Kodaikanal M. B. Mission Boarding for Missionary Children. Mr. and Mrs. Krause have one child, Lynden Dale, born on June 30, 1948.

In November, 1955, the Krauses returned to serve at Kodaikanal.







MISS EMMA LEPP  
Shamshabad, India

*. . . . Be strong, all ye  
people of the land, saith the  
Lord, and work: for I am  
with you, saith the Lord of  
hosts.*

—Haggai 2:4.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS EMMA LEPP, born at Dalmeny, Saskatchewan on February 14, 1917, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lepp, Dalmeny. She was converted at the age of thirteen and joined the M. B. Church at Dalmeny upon confession of faith and baptism. From 1935-39 she attended Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan, and it was during these years that she felt the call of God to enter into missionary work. After Bible School graduation she took her high school education at Hepburn High School. During the school year of 1942-43 Miss Lepp studied at Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, Ontario. Further education was obtained at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, where she obtained the A. B. degree in 1945. In the summer of 1944 she attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Bacone College, Oklahoma. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on July 11, 1944, and was accepted for service in India. Miss Lepp was ordained on October 21, 1945 by the M. B. Church of Dalmeny, Saskatchewan. She left Seattle, Washington on February 18, 1946, for India where she has served as teacher on the Shamshabad Station up to the present. Miss Lepp came home for her first furlough on June 4, 1953.





REV. AND MRS. JOHN H. LOHRENZ  
Hughestown, India

*For as much as ye are manifestly declared to the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the fruit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.*

—2 Cor. 3:3-5.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN H. LOHRENZ, born on March 2, 1893, at Moundridge, Kansas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Lohrenz. Mr. Lohrenz was converted at the age of fourteen and joined the Ebenfeld M. B. Church, near Hillsboro, Kansas, upon confession of faith and baptism. In 1911 he enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, and was graduated from the college with an A.B. degree in the spring of 1918. In the fall of the same year he enrolled at Bluffton College and Mennonite Seminary, Bluffton, Ohio, and was graduated with a M.A. degree in May, 1919. After serving one term on the mission field, he enrolled at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, and was graduated with the B.D. degree in May, 1929. He served as part-time evangelist in the Southern District Conference during the winter of 1917-1918, and in the Central District in the winter of 1919-1920. He was married to Maria Klaassen on June 6, 1918, at Hillsboro, Kansas. They were ordained on May 9, 1920, at Hillsboro, Kansas by Rev. Johann Foth and Rev. J. H. Pankratz. On June 8, 1920, they left from San Francisco for their first term in India and returned via New York in March, 1928. They went out for a second term in September, 1929, and returned in April, 1936. Their third term lasted from November, 1937 till April, 1947. On March 21, 1950, they left from New York for their fourth term in India. Rev. and Mrs. Lohrenz had served at the Shamshabad station for the first three terms and at the present time are on the Hughestown station.

MRS. MARIA KLAASSEN LOHRENZ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Klaassen, was born on November 28, 1892, at Hillsboro, Kansas. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour at the age of thirteen and was baptized and accepted as a member of the Gnadenu K. M. B. Church near Hillsboro the same year. She served the church as Sunday School teacher for many years. In 1911 she enrolled at Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas, and was graduated in 1915. In 1917 she began nurses training at the Bethel Deaconess Hospital, Newton, Kansas. After her marriage to John H. Lohrenz in the summer of 1918, she accompanied her husband to Bluffton, Ohio where she attended Bluffton College and Mennonite Seminary for one year. During the time they were serving their first term on the mission field, she was graduated from Tabor College with an A.B. degree. During their first furlough, she enrolled at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, and was graduated with a B.D. degree in May, 1929. They first left for mission service in India on June 8, 1920.



*For ye shall not go out with  
haste, nor go by flight: for the  
Lord will go before you: and  
the God of Israel will be your  
reward.*

—Isaiah 52:12



MISS FRIEDA NEUFELD  
Gadwal, India

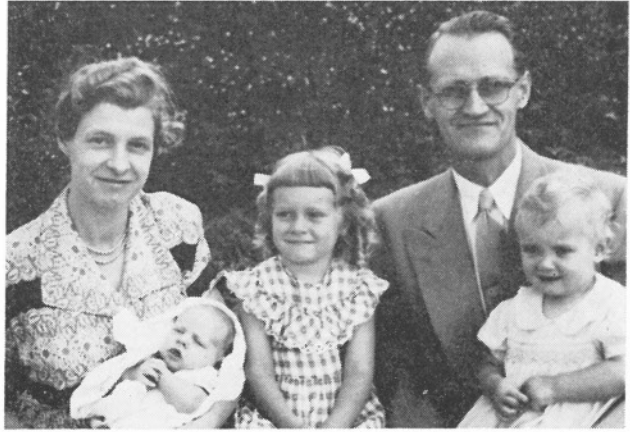
#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS FRIEDA NEUFELD, R.N., daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Heinrich P. Neufeld, Vancouver, British Columbia, was born at Herbert, Saskatchewan, on January 11, 1918. She was converted at the age of ten and joined the M. B. Church of Herbert, Saskatchewan, by baptism. During the school year of 1935-36 she attended Herbert Bible School, Herbert, Saskatchewan. In 1937 the family moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, where she took work in the city. She was able to take "Home Nursing" and "First Aid" courses in night school during this time. In 1942 she commenced Bible training at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, where she continued studies until April 3, 1945, receiving her diploma for the course of Bible and Missionary Training. Throughout the years at school the burden for missionary work that she had felt since childhood was greatly multiplied. In January, 1947, she entered nurses training at the St. Paul Hospital, Vancouver, British Columbia, and was graduated with the R.N. degree in the spring of 1950. She studied at Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, from October to December, 1950. During the years of preparation for missionary service, Miss Neufeld has been active in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teaching, practical nursing, personal work and house visitations. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on May 15, 1945. On August 13, 1950, she was ordained as foreign missionary at the M. B. Church of Vancouver, British Columbia. Miss Neufeld left Seattle, Washington, on January 23, 1951, for her first term in India.



*Cast thy bread  
upon the waters  
for thou shalt  
find it after many  
days.*

—Ecclesiastes 11:1.



REV. HENRY P. POETKER AND FAMILY  
Kalvakurty, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HENRY P. POETKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Poetker, was born on March 17, 1918, at Millerovo, Dongebiet, Ukraine. In 1926 he, together with his parents, migrated to Saskatchewan, Canada. On May 20, 1934, he accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour. He was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Fairholme, Saskatchewan, in the summer of 1935. Mr. Poetker completed his high school education at the Coaldale High School, Coaldale, Alberta. In the fall of 1939, he enrolled at the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, and was graduated on April 2, 1942. During the summer of 1943, he attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics at Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma. The following fall he enrolled for a year of study at the Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, Ontario. In October, 1945, Mr. Poetker enrolled at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and was graduated with the Th.B. degree in May, 1947. He spent the school year of 1947-1948, and the summer of 1949, studying at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, where he obtained the A.B. degree. He made application to the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions on March 14, 1945, and was accepted for service in India on October 17, 1951. He was united in holy matrimony with Amanda Lepp on July 25, 1948, at Dalmeny, Saskatchewan. They were ordained on August 26, 1951, by the M. B. Church of Hepburn, Saskatchewan with Rev. J. B. Toews and Rev. J. H. Epp officiating. Mr. Poetker has served the Lord as teacher, pastor, evangelist, and personal worker. The Poetkers left for the field on August 15, 1952 for their first term of service and are at present working on the Kalvakurty field.

MRS. AMANDA LEPP POETKER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lepp, was born on June 2, 1918, at Dalmeny, Saskatchewan. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour on February 23, 1938, at Hepburn, Saskatchewan. Shortly after her conversion she felt the need of baptism and followed the Lord in that step on July 30, 1939, after which she was accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Dalmeny, Saskatchewan. She received her early Bible training at the Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan, where she was graduated from the Evangelical Teacher Training Course in April, 1941. After spending one year at home she enrolled for a year of study at Dalmeny High School. In September, 1943, she enrolled at the Saskatoon City Park Collegiate Institute, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where she received her high school diploma in June, 1944. In the fall of the following year she entered the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, and was graduated on April 8, 1947. In September, 1947, she enrolled for another year of study at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on March 22, 1948, and was accepted for service in India on October 17, 1951. She was married to Henry P. Poetker on July 25, 1948, at Dalmeny, Saskatchewan. Her practical experience consists of teaching Daily Vacation Bible School, handing out tracts and doing personal work. The Poetkers have two daughters, Phyllis Joy, born on July 28, 1950, Helen Ruth, November 25, 1952; and one son, Alden Timothy, born on March 27, 1954.







REV. AND MRS. ERNEST E. SCHMIDT AND FAMILY  
Gadwal, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ERNEST EDWARD SCHMIDT is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Schmidt, Mennon, Saskatchewan. He was born at Mennon, Sask., on November 12, 1916. From childhood he had a desire to be a missionary. At the age of 21 he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and at the same time dedicated his life for Christian service. The following summer he was baptized and received into the M. B. Church at Dalmeny, Saskatchewan. During the school years 1933-34 and 1938-39 he attended Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan. Further education was obtained at Saskatchewan Normal School, the University of Saskatchewan, and Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California. He has been active in Sunday School teaching, young people's work, and personal work, and has had four years of public and high school teaching experience. Mr. Schmidt was united in holy matrimony to Evelyn Nettie Strauss on August 4, 1943. They made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Mission for missionary service in 1946 and were accepted as candidates for India. Their ordination by the Saskatoon M. B. Church took place in August, 1949. They sailed from New York on December 30, 1949, and are stationed at Mahbubnagar where Mr. Schmidt is serving in the teaching capacity.

MRS. EVELYN NETTIE SCHMIDT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Strauss, Hepburn, Saskatchewan, was born at Hepburn on May 21, 1923. Following her conversion at the age of ten, she was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Hepburn M. B. Church. She graduated from Hepburn High School in 1941 and during the school year 1941-42 she attended Bethany Bible School in Hepburn. She received her call for foreign missions while in Bible School and the following summer went out to do mission work under the Western Children's Mission. She has had special training in piano, voice, and practical nursing.

Garry Keith and Garth David were born on June 24, 1944, Judith Arlene on April 5, 1949, Carol Ruth, July 13, 1953.

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*Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for  
in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting  
strength.*

—Isaiah 26:4.



*But thanks be to God  
which giveth us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus  
Christ.*

—I. Cor. 15:57.



MISS KATIE SIEMENS  
Devarakonda, India

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS KATHARINE (KATIE) SIEMENS, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Henry H. Siemens, Gem, Alberta, was born at Gortschakova, Russia, on January 18, 1923. At the age of six years, she, together with her parents, immigrated to Canada. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at the age of thirteen and joined the Gem M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism in September, 1940. She attended the Gem High School during the years 1937-1939 and the Gem Bible School during the years 1939-1941. Further education was obtained at Coaldale Bible School, and was graduated in 1943; and M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, where she was graduated from the Missionary Course in 1949. During the school year of 1949-1950 she attended Shurpass Pacific College, Vancouver, and during the school year 1950-1951 she attended Provincial Normal School, Vancouver, where she was granted a Normal School Diploma. She has had 2 years of teaching experience. During this time she felt definitely called to become a foreign missionary. While in preparation for foreign service she took many opportunities to witness in personal work and house visitation, in D.V.B.S. and Bible Camp work. Miss Siemens made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in February 1953, which was considered by the Board in April. In June of the same year her appointment was completed, she was ordained by the Gem, Alberta M. B. Church on September 6, 1953, and spent the fall semester in study at Tabor College. On January 30, 1954, she left New York on the SS STEEL SCIENTIST for the M. B. Mission field in India.





MISS ANNA SUDERMAN  
Wanaparthi, India

*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*

—1 Tim. 2:3-4.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ANNA SUDERMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Suderman, was born at Kirk, Colorado, on April 9, 1902. At the age of fourteen she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and three years later, on May 13, 1919, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church Gladwin, Michigan. Miss Suderman did her college preparatory work at the Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Michigan and was graduated in 1926. In the fall of 1929 she enrolled at Moody Bible Institute for one year. A few years later it was her privilege to study at Tabor College where she received a Th.B. degree in May, 1938. After spending one term on the foreign mission field she went to Oklahoma and took a 3 months course with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. In her practical experience Miss Suderman majored in childrens work: Teaching in Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Sunday Schools, and six years in public schools; she also spent three summers working in a Jewish-Christian Fresh Air Camp. She was ordained as foreign missionary on September 4, 1938, at Gladwin, by Rev. George Warkentin and Rev. J. H. Pankratz. She left from New York City on November 19, 1938, for her first term of service in India and returned via San Francisco on August 25, 1946. In May 29, 1948, she left from New York for a second term and is at present serving as teacher in the school at the Wanaparthi Station.



*My soul, wait thou only  
upon God; for my expecta-  
tion is from him.*

—Psalms 62:5.



MISS MARGARET SUDERMAN  
Wanaparthi, India

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARGARET SUDERMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Suderman, was born on April 10, 1902, at Altona, Manitoba, Canada. She was converted at the age of ten, and three years later on June 13, 1915, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church, Winkler, Manitoba. She received her secondary education in the Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Gretna, Manitoba. After completing her secondary education, she took up nurses' training in the General Hospital of Winnipeg where she received the R. N. degree in February, 1928. In the fall of that same year, Miss Suderman went to Chicago, Illinois where she worked in the Cook County Hospital during the day and attended Moody Bible Institute in the evening. Later she also studied at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. She was ordained on May 26, 1929, at Winkler, Manitoba, by Rev. Herman Neufeld. In June, 1929, she left Montreal, Quebec for her first term in India where she labored till February, 1936. Her second term lasted from 1938 till 1946. In the fall of 1947 she left San Francisco, California, for a third term in India where she has been serving at the Wanaparthi Station up to the present.





*Behold ye among the  
heathen, and regard, and won-  
der marvelously for I will  
work a work in your days,  
which ye will not believe,  
though it be told you.*

—Habakkuk 1:5



MISS REGINA SUDERMAN  
Jadcherla, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS REGINA SUDERMAN, R.N., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham P. Suderman, Reedley, California. She was born at Dinuba, California, on April 18, 1920. At the age of fifteen she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour and was baptized and received into the Reedley M. B. Church. Miss Suderman was granted the A.A. degree from Reedley Junior College, Reedley, California, in 1941. The next three years were spent at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. In 1939 she surrendered her life to Christ for missionary service and the conviction that the Lord wanted her to go to the foreign field was deepened while attending Bible Institute. To equip herself for medical service she entered the School of Nursing, General Hospital, Fresno, California, on February 10, 1945, and was graduated on January 23, 1948. While in nurses training as well as while working as a graduate nurse, she has had many opportunities to witness to patients and co-workers in the hospital. Other practical experience includes child evangelism and Sunday School work. Miss Suderman applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on July 4, 1949, and was accepted for service in India. She was ordained as foreign missionary at the Reedley M. B. Church on August 27, 1950, by Rev. J. B. Toews, Rev. B. J. Braun and Rev. H. R. Weins. She studied at the Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California, during the spring semester, 1950, and Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, during the spring of 1951. Miss Suderman left for her field of service on September 7, 1951.



*God be merciful unto us,  
and bless us; and cause his  
face to shine upon us; Selah.  
That thy way may be known  
upon the earth, thy saving  
health among all nations.*

—Psalms 67:1-2.

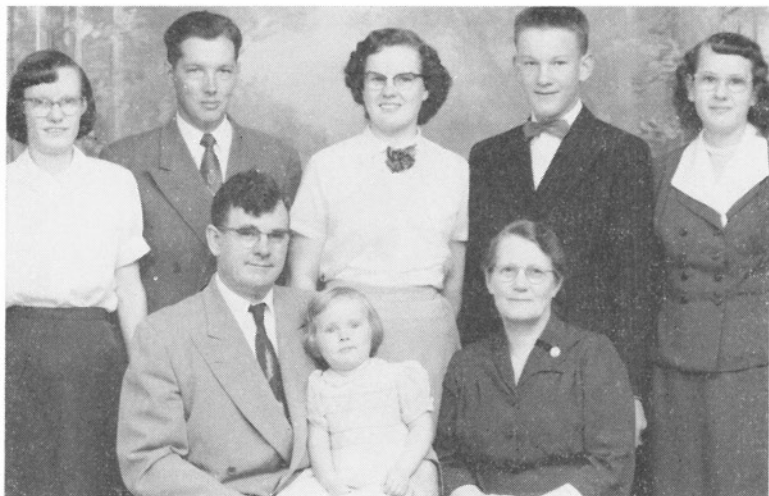


MISS ROSELLA TOEWS  
Nagarkurnool, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ROSELLA TOEWS, R. N., born at Frazer, Montana, on March 25, 1920 is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Toews, Frazer. Miss Toews spent her childhood and youth in the Frazer community. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of twelve and was baptized upon the confession of her faith and accepted in the Lustre M. B. Church three years later. After attending the Lustre Bible School from 1935 to 1937, she continued her education at Glasgow High School, from which she graduated in 1941. On September 1, 1942, she enrolled at the Northwestern School of Nursing. During the course of her nurses' training she felt the call of the Lord to go out as a medical missionary. She received her R.N. degree on September 2, 1945. Two months previous to her graduation, she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions and was accepted for service in India. She attended Tabor College from October, 1945, to May, 1946. On June 9, 1946, she was ordained as foreign missionary at the M. B. Church of Lustre, Montana by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. Arthur Flaming and Rev. J. J. Toews. Miss Toews left from New York City on October 4, 1946, for her first term of service in India. She worked faithfully as teacher on the Devarakonda Station until 1950 when she transferred to the Nagarkurnool Station to take charge of the medical work there. Miss Toews returned to the homeland for her first furlough on November 2, 1953.





REV. ABRAM A. UNRUH AND FAMILY  
Gadwal, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ABRAM A. UNRUH, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Unruh of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, was born in Russia on October 20, 1903. Rev. Unruh was converted at the age of sixteen in 1919 and baptized in 1920, at Crimea, South Russia. In 1924 Mr. Unruh moved, with his parents, to Winkler, Manitoba, Canada, and became a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Winkler, Manitoba, upon confession of faith. Mr. Unruh attended high school and commerce school in Russia. Then in 1928 he graduated from the Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Manitoba. In 1944 he was graduated from Toronto Bible College, Toronto, Ontario, and was graduated with his Th.B. and A.B. in 1945, from Tabor College. On October 21, 1926, he was united in holy matrimony to Annie Enns of Winkler, Manitoba. Before they set sail for India the first time, leaving from New York in December, 1936, they were ordained by Rev. H. W. Lohrenz and Rev. H. S. Voth in the M.B. Church at Winkler. In July, 1942, they set sail for New York from Bombay. Their first furlough extended from 1942 to 1946. The Unruhs started their second term of service March, 1946, leaving from Seattle, Washington, and have labored faithfully on the Gadwal Station of the M. B. Conference in India until they came for furlough on April 10, 1953. They will be starting their third term of service in 1955.

MRS. ANNIE ENNS UNRUH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Enns, was born in Winkler, Manitoba in 1900. She was converted at an early age and was accepted into the Mennonite Brethren Church of Winkler, Manitoba. Mrs. Unruh attended the Winkler High School, had one year Normal, one year at the Winkler Bible School, and taught elementary school for seven years. During these years she was also active in Sunday School and young peoples work. Mr. and Mrs. Unruh were ordained by the Brethren H. W. Lohrenz and H. S. Voth at Winkler in 1936. In December, 1936, the Unruhs left for India from New York and returned again in July, 1942. After their extended furlough of four years, they again left for the field of labor, Gadwal, in 1946. The Unruhs have five children: The oldest, Margaret Jane (Mrs. Walter Regier), was born on November 12, 1928, in Winkler, Manitoba; Kathryn Irma, December 5, 1929, in Winkler, Manitoba; Helen Joyce, October 23, 1932, Saskatchewan; Louise May, March 19, 1934, Saskatchewan; and Donald John, April 19, 1939, Ootacamund, India; one son-in-law, Walter Regier, and one grandchild.

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.*

—Psalm 121:1-2.





MISS MARY C. WALL  
Devarakonda, India

*What shall we then say to  
these things? If God be for  
us, who can be against us.*

—Rom. 8:31.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARY C. WALL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius A. Wall, was born on September 5, 1885, at Muensterberg, Sagradofka, South Russia. She was converted in January, 1908, and five months later she was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church Munich, North Dakota. Miss Wall's education beyond the grades consists of one year Normal School, after which she studied at Northwestern Bible School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, graduating in 1913. She continued her education by taking a special missionary course while in training at a General Hospital and later at a Maternity Hospital. Before going out to the foreign field she served the Lord in city mission work and in private nursing. She was ordained at Munich, North Dakota, in June, 1914, by Rev. David Dick and Rev. H. A. Neufeld. On June 26, 1915, she left San Francisco, California for her first term in India and returned to New York March 1, 1923. Her second term lasted from November 6, 1924, till April, 1946. On November 28, 1947, she left San Francisco, California, for her fourth term in India where she is serving the Lord at the Devarakonda station.





*O magnify the Lord with  
me, and let us exalt his name  
together.*

—Psalms 34:3.



HELEN L. WARKENTIN  
Devarakonda, India

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS HELEN WARKENTIN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Warkentin, was born at Hoffnungsfeld, near Winkler, Manitoba, on November 25, 1887. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour at the age of fifteen and was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church, Winkler, Manitoba, on July 17, 1904. She finished her studies at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Gretna, Manitoba, in 1915. Later she spent one year at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois. She was a faithful worker for the Lord in her home church and community. In December, 1919, she was ordained at Winkler, Manitoba, by Rev. David Dyck. In June, 1920, she left San Francisco, California, for her first term in India and returned in October, 1927 landing at Boston, Mass. She went out for a second term in June, 1929, and returned in April, 1937. Her third term lasted from November, 1938, till February, 1948. In March, 1950, she left from New York for her fourth term in India where she is serving the Master at the Devarakonda Station.





REV. JOHN A. WIEBE AND FAMILY  
Mahbubnagar, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN A. WIEBE, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wiebe, was born on March 29, 1900, at Bingham Lake, Minnesota. Realizing his lost condition, he accepted Christ as his Lord and Saviour at the age of fifteen. One year later he was baptized and received as a member of the Carson M. B. Church at Delft, Minnesota. After graduating from the Tabor College Academy in 1920, he continued his education at Tabor College, receiving the A.B. degree in 1925. After serving one term on the mission field, he spent the school year of 1935-1936 at Dallas Theological Seminary and three summers at Winona School of Theology. While on furlough the second time, he studied at North Western Theological Seminary and was graduated with the B.D. degree in 1948. The following year he received the M.A. degree from the Minnesota State University. He was married to Viola Bergthold on June 1, 1926, at Hillsboro, Kansas. They spent the first year of their married life in evangelistic work. They were ordained at the Carson M. B. Church, Delft, Minnesota, on June 19, 1927. On August 18, 1927, they left from Quebec, Canada, for their first term in India and returned via New York in June, 1935. They went out for the second term on December 16, 1936, and returned in September, 1946. He served as instructor at Tabor College during the two years 1949 to 1951. In November, 1951, the Wiebes, with their three youngest children, left for their third term of service in India where they are stationed on the Mahbubnagar station.

MRS. VIOLA BERGTHOLD WIEBE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Bergthold, was born on August 17, 1903, at Buhler, Kansas. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of thirteen. Two years later she was baptized at Nagarkurnool, India, and received as a member of the Carson M. B. Church, Delft, Minnesota. She received part of her high school education at the Hebron High School for Missionary Children in India. After graduating from the Tabor College Academy in 1923, she continued her education at Tabor College, receiving the A.B. degree in 1926. She served the Lord and the church in teaching Sunday School and Bible classes. On June 1, 1926, she was united in holy matrimony to John A. Wiebe. They spent the first year of their married life in evangelistic work. They first left for missionary work in India on August 18, 1927. She has continued her education while on furlough, spending one summer at Colorado University, Boulder, Colorado, and also did some work at the Winona School of Theology. The Wiebes have seven children. Esther Eunice, born on July 5, 1928; John Clement, born on August 17, 1930; Viola Ruth, born on April 22, 1932; Irene Kathryn, born on November 6, 1933; David Abraham, born on August 20, 1937; Paul Daniel, born on August 20, 1937; and Marilyn Susanne, born on August 18, 1943.

*Now thanks be unto God, which  
always causeth us to triumph in  
Christ, and maketh manifest the savour  
of his knowledge by us in every place.*

—II Cor. 2:14.



*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

—Matt. 5:16.



MISS MARGARET WILLEMS  
Gadwal, India

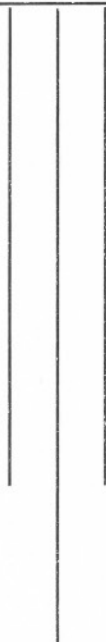
#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARGARET WILLEMS, R. N., was born on December 9, 1907, at Rosthern, Saskatchewan, to Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Willems. With her conversion at nineteen came the call for service which led her to Dalmeny Bible School, Dalmeny, Saskatchewan, where she completed the three-year course. Further education was obtained at Langham High School, Langham, Saskatchewan, Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Manitoba, and St. Boniface Hospital Training School, St. Boniface, Manitoba. She received the R. N. degree in 1939. She took many opportunities to witness for the Lord to her patients and also had some experience in Sunday School teaching. On December 28, 1945, she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in India and was accepted for that field. Miss Willems is a member of the M. B. Church at Steinbach, Manitoba and was ordained there in the summer of 1946. She left from New York City for her first term on the India field on October 4, 1946 and had charge of the medical work on the Gadwal field. Miss Willems arrived home on furlough on November 2, 1953.



# Japan

MISSIONARIES







*Repentance and  
remission of sins  
should be  
preached in his  
name among all  
nations.*

—Luke 24:47.



REV. AND MRS. DAVID H. BALZER AND FAMILY  
Ikeda City, Japan

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DAVID H. BALZER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Balzer, was born on December 21, 1920, in Samara, Russia. Following his conversion at the age of nineteen he was baptized and joined the Yarrow M. B. Church in August, 1943. He worked faithfully in the church Sunday School work, taught D. V.B.S., and also worked for an M.C.C. Summer Relief Unit. After finishing his elementary education he attended Elstow High School and was graduated from Elim Bible School in March, 1947. He also attended the Manitou Normal School and M. B. Collegiate Institute of Winnipeg, and M. B. Bible College where he was graduated on June 20, 1952. On October 23, 1949, he was united in holy matrimony with Mary Enns at Coaldale, Alberta. The Balzers were ordained by the Coaldale M. B. Church in November of 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Balzer are serving their first term in the Osaka area of Japan.

MRS. MARY ENNS-BALZER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Enns, Coaldale, Alberta, was born at Fuerstenwerder, Ukraine, on April 2, 1942. At the age of ten she was converted and at sixteen she followed the Lord in baptism. During her second year of Bible School Mrs. Balzer felt the call to serve her Lord on the Mission field and started her service for the Lord by teaching D.V.B.S. and a Junior Sunday School class. She attended Coaldale Bible School from November, 1942, until March, 1944, and in October 1944 she entered Prairie Bible Institute and completed the first year, receiving a diploma for the completion of the missionary course. Mr. and Mrs. Balzer have three children: Roland Henry born February 16, 1951; Lillian Verna, September 19, 1952; Elvira Irene, February 10, 1954.





REV. JONATHAN H. BARTEL AND FAMILY  
Osaka, Japan

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JONATHAN HARVEY BARTEL, son of Rev. and Mrs. Henry C. Bartel, was born on January 31, 1919, at Tsao Hsien, Shantung, China. He was saved at the early age of eight. His grade school education was received in the School for Missionary Children of the China Mennonite Mission Society. In 1938 he received his high school diploma from the American School of Kikungshan. While waiting for his papers to enter the United States, he taught in a mission grade school in Shanghai for three years. During the Civil War in China he went to the mission field in Shantung Province and taught his oldest brother's four girls. On January 16, 1947, he arrived in the United States and continued his education at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, where he spent four semesters. On September 24, 1948, he was married to Alice Wiens at Hillsboro. They moved to Fresno, California, in 1949 in order to attend Pacific Bible Institute. Along the line of Christian activities, Mr. Bartel is active in pastoral work, evangelism, and personal work. The Bartels made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on October 16, 1950, and were accepted as candidates for the mission field in Japan, and proceeded to the field on April 12, 1952.

MRS. ALICE EDNA WIENS BARTEL is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wiens, Hillsboro, Kansas. She was born at Hillsboro on September 28, 1925. At the age of thirteen she was converted and the following year she joined the Hillsboro M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. After high school graduation, she enrolled at Tabor College and received the A. A. degree in business in 1947. During her first year at Tabor she surrendered her life to the Lord with the conviction that God wanted to use her in His service. Prior to her marriage to Jonathan Bartel on September 24, 1948, she was employed at the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions Office. During the summer of 1947 she attended Wichita Business College, Wichita, Kansas. Daniel Jerome was born on November 27, 1949 and Gloria Jean on March 18, 1954.

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*I would seek unto God and unto  
God would I commit my cause:  
Which doeth great things and un-  
searchable; marvellous things without  
number.*

—Job 5:8-9.





REV. HARRY FRIESEN AND FAMILY

Ikeda City, Japan

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HARRY FRIESEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Friesen, Jansen, Nebraska, was born at Meade, Kansas, on September 30, 1923. Together with his parents, he moved to Jansen, Nebraska, at the age of 3. He was converted and accepted into the Jansen, Nebraska, M. B. Church when he was ten years old. During his senior year in high school at Fairbury, Nebraska, he submitted to a serious operation but the Lord spared his life. This was in 1941. That fall he enrolled at Tabor College where he took an active part in Mission Band and Y.M.C.A. He graduated with an A.B. degree at Tabor in May, 1945. On June 1, 1945, he was married to Mildred Jean Brenner, at Durham, Kansas. From July, 1945, to January, 1949, Mr. Friesen attended the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, graduating with the Th.M. degree. Upon graduation, he entered upon a month of evangelistic work in the Southern District Conference. He served as pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, for one year. This service terminated in June, 1950. The Friesens applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in June, 1948, and were accepted for service in Japan. On June 25, 1950, they were ordained at the M. B. Church, Hillsboro, Kansas of which they are members, by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. P. R. Lange, and Rev. Waldo Hiebert. From September 18, 1950, to January 22, 1951, Mr. Friesen attended the University of California at Berkeley for a concentrated study of the Japanese language. The Friesens left San Francisco on February 26, 1951, for their first term of missionary service in Japan.

MRS. MILDRED JEAN BRENNER FRIESEN was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Brenner on June 15, 1925, at Woodbine, Kansas. She found assurance of salvation and was baptized at the age of nine. She became a member of the Baptist church but transferred her membership to the Hillsboro M. B. Church in June, 1950. She graduated from the Woodbine Rural High School in May, 1942. From September, 1942 to May, 1945 she attended Tabor College. She received her A. A. degree from Tabor College in the spring of 1944. After her marriage to Harry Friesen on June 1, 1945, they moved to Dallas, Texas, for further preparation. She worked as secretary to the Registrar of the Seminary and also took two night school courses in the Dallas Bible Institute. In addition, she took active part in church work, serving in Sunday School and young people's work. The Lord has given her a special talent in music.

The Friesens have four children. Marilyn Jean was born on August 27, 1948, and Stephen Samuel on September 10, 1950, William, born on December, 1951 (deceased at birth) and Grace Ann, November 7, 1953.

*For we preach not ourselves, but  
Christ Jesus the Lord; and our-  
selves your servants for Jesus sake.*

—2 Cor. 4:5.



*And the Lord shall guide  
thee continually, and satisfy  
thy soul in drought, and make  
fat thy bones: and thou shalt  
be like a watered garden, and  
like a spring of water, whose  
waters fail not.*

—Isaiah 58:11.



MISS RUBENA B. GUNTHER  
Osaka, Japan

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS RUBENA BERNICE GUNTHER is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gunther, Dinuba, California. She was born at Rosedale, California, on August 9, 1924. She was converted at eleven and two years later was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church, Reedley, California. She received her Bible training at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles from 1943-46, graduating from the Christian Education course. During the school years 1942-43 and 1946-47 she attended Reedley Junior College and received the A. A. degree. She graduated from San Jose State College with the B. A. degree in December, 1949. While at Biola, the Lord called her for missionary service. She taught public school in California for one year and in August, 1950, left for Japan to teach in a government school there. She was accepted by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for missionary service in Japan in November, 1950. Her contract with the government expired in August, 1951, after which she joined the M. B. missionary staff in Osaka, Japan.





*The Lord is  
my rock, and my  
fortress, and my  
deliverer.*

—II Sam. 22:2.



REV. AND MRS. SAM H. KRAUSE  
Tsurugaoka, Japan

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

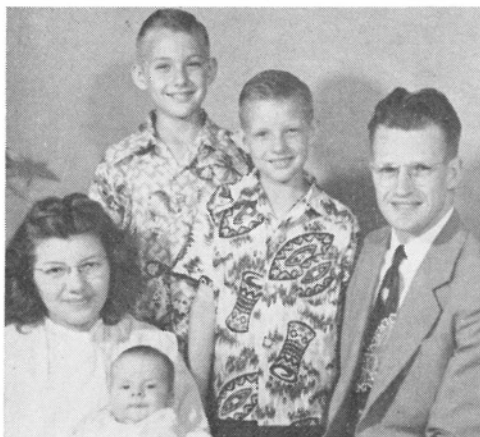
SAM H. KRAUSE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Krause, was born at Reedley, California, January 2, 1923. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour on August 30, 1938. During the depression he, together with his parents, moved to Independence, Kansas, where they settled on a farm. It was during their stay in Kansas that he felt the need of baptism but since there was no M. B. Church at Independence he was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Collinsville, Oklahoma, in June, 1941. Later he returned to California where he joined the Dinuba M. B. Church. Mr. Krause was drafted for government service in 1944. It was during this time of service that he experienced a definite call to missionary service in Japan. Immediately after receiving his discharge from the service in 1946, he began to prepare himself for missionary work. He obtained his high school diploma from the adult night school department of the Fresno High School, Fresno, California. In September, 1946, he enrolled at the Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California, and was graduated in June, 1950, receiving the A. B. degree in Missionary Anthropology. In the Fall of that same year he returned to Pacific Bible Institute for another year of study to complete the requirements for the A. A. and Th. B. degrees. His practical work consists of distributing Bibles and tracts, helping in Bible classes, doing rescue mission and street work, and also working with the "Go Ye Mission" during one summer. He was married to Renetta Schellenberg on July 29, 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Krause made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on April 11, 1950, and were accepted for service in Japan. They were ordained on September 16, 1951, by the M. B. Church of Dinuba, California. He studied at Fresno State College, Fresno, California before they helped in the Indianahoma School for one winter. On February 20, 1953, they sailed for Japan, their field of service.

MRS. RENETTA SCHELLENBERG KRAUSE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schellenberg, Lynden, Washington, was born on February 6, 1927, at Waldheim, Saskatchewan. At the age of thirteen she permitted Christ to enter her heart and life and was baptized in August, 1941, and accepted as a member of the Waldheim M. B. Church. She obtained her secondary education at the Waldheim High School. In October, 1945, she enrolled for a year of study at the Abbotsford Bible School, Abbotsford, British Columbia. In the fall of 1946 she entered the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, and completed her studies there in April, 1948. It was during the years that she attended the Prairie Bible Institute that she felt the Lord calling her to the foreign field. In September, 1948, she enrolled at the Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California, and completed her studies there in June, 1951. She has served the Lord as church organist, singing in the choir, teaching kindergarten, and Daily Vacation Bible School. On July 29, 1949, she was united in holy matrimony with Sam H. Krause. They were ordained on September 16, 1951, by the M. B. Church of Dinuba, California. In the fall of 1951, she together with her husband enrolled at Fresno State College, Fresno, California. Timothy Dale, was born on March 31, 1952.



*The Lord hath done  
great things for us;  
whereof we are glad.*

—Psalms 126:3.



REV. ROLAND M. WIENS AND FAMILY  
Osaka, Japan

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

REV. ROLAND MARTIN WIENS is the son of the late Missionary and Mrs. F. J. Wiens. He was born at Shanghang, China, on August 4, 1917, and the first four and a half years of his life were spent in China. He was converted at the age of eleven and was baptized the following year. His church membership at the present time is in the M. B. Church, Joes, Colorado. Following high school graduation in 1936, he attended the University of California at Berkeley for one year. In the fall of 1937 he enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, with a view of preparing for the ministry, and spent four years there, earning the Associate in Arts degree in 1940 and the Bachelor of Theology degree in 1941. Mr. Wiens was united in holy matrimony to Anna Friesen on June 7, 1940. He was pastor of the M. B. Church at Joes, California for five years and was ordained to the ministry there in August, 1942. He received a definite call from the Lord to go to China in August, 1945, and in September made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. The Wienses left San Francisco on November 25, 1947, and served faithfully on the Shanghang, South China field. In March, 1951 they received definite assurance that it is the Lord's will that they leave the China field due to political unrest. In 1951 they transferred to the M. B. Mission field at Osaka, Japan, where they joyfully served until they came home on furlough May 27, 1954.

MRS. ANNA FRIESEN WIENS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Friesen, Jansen, Nebraska, was born at Fairbury, Nebraska, on December 20, 1915. She was converted at fourteen and consecrated her life to the Lord five years later. From 1936-38 she attended Northwestern Bible School, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In the fall of 1938, however, she transferred to Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas, and finished her high school training in 1940. Mrs. Wiens took an active part in the Y.W.C.A. and Mission Band at Tabor. Later, as pastor's wife, she served faithfully in children's work and personal work. Mrs. Wiens also had charge of the medical work at Shanghang.

The Wienses have three sons, Donald Leroy was born on November 12, 1941, Robert James on January 10, 1944; and Kenneth Dean, April 24, 1952 in Japan.





MISS RUTH WIENS  
Ikeda City, Japan

*When thou passest through  
the waters, I will be with  
thee, and through the rivers,  
they shall not overflow thee:  
when thou walkest through  
the fire, thou shalt not be  
burned; neither shall the  
flame kindle upon thee.*

—Isaiah 43:2.

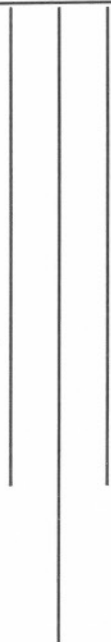
#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS RUTH LEONA WIENS, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John H. Wiens, Mildred, Minnesota, was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, on February 2, 1923. At the age of three, the family moved to northern Minnesota where her parents engaged in mission work. She was converted at the age of eight. The influence of being reared in a missionary home awakened within her a desire to be a missionary, and at the age of sixteen she surrendered her life to the Lord for mission service. After high school graduation and one year of Normal Teachers' Training, she taught elementary school for three years. In order to receive Christian training, she enrolled at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, in the fall of 1944 and received the Bachelor of Arts degree there in 1948. In the fall of 1948 she went to Indianoma, Oklahoma, where she taught in the Post Oak Indian School for two years. She, however, had a special burden for mission work in Japan and was accepted for that field by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in April, 1950. Miss Wiens was ordained at the M. B. Church at Mountain Lake, Minnesota, on July 4, 1950, by Rev. H. E. Wiens, Rev. A. E. Janzen, and Rev. Wm. Neufeld, and on July 21, 1950, she sailed from San Francisco as the first M. B. missionary to Japan.



# Mexico

MISSIONARIES









REV. AND MRS. I. M. ALANIZ AND FAMILY  
Piedras Negras, Mexico

*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine . . . But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*

—II Tim. 4:2, 3a, 5.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

IGNACIO M. ALANIZ was born in Rio Grande, Zacatecas, Mexico, on February 10, 1911. At the early age of ten he accepted Christ as his Saviour and was baptized in Cocio, Aguascalientes, in 1921. On April 7, 1940, Mr. Alaniz was ordained into the ministry by National Frontier Presbyter at Aguascalientes. After completing grammar school and high school he attended the Presbyterian Seminary at Aguascalientes Ags, Mexico. Mr. Alaniz found a helpmate in Miss Lucina M. Rangel on March 16, 1940, at Linares, N. L. With the sincere desire to help his own people to the saving knowledge of Christ and his desire to become a member of a Conference proclaiming the simple Gospel according to God's Word, he applied for membership in the Mennonite Brethren Church, having become acquainted with it through the M. B. Missionaries in Southern Texas. Upon confession of faith Rev. Alaniz was accepted into membership of the Los Ebanos M. B. Church on March 4, 1953. Upon his application he was also accepted for service in Mexico under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in April, 1953. Rev. and Mrs. Alaniz are in charge of the M. B. Mission at Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico.

LUCINA M. RANGEL ALANIZ was born in Linares, N. L., Mexico, on May 13, 1922. She came to the saving knowledge of Christ at an early age and was taken into the Presbyterian Church. In June, 1953, she gave her testimony of conversion at Piedras Negras Mission and was baptized upon her confession of faith and accepted into the Mennonite Brethren Church with Rev. Harry Neufeld officiating. Mrs. Alaniz attended grammar school at Linares, N. L., Mexico, and on March 16, 1940, Mr. Alaniz and she were united in holy matrimony. Rev. and Mrs. Alaniz have three sons and three daughters: Abner was born on March 1, 1942, at Allende, N. L.; Milezary, May 21, 1944, Allende, N. L.; Esmeralda, March 1, 1947, Ciudad Victoria, Tamps; Salembethnimra, January 24, 1949, Montemorelos, N. L.; and the twins, Joaribzan, and Jebneebdiel on March 1, 1951, at Piedras Negras, Coah.





REV. D. J. GERBRANDT AND FAMILY  
Indiahoma, Oklahoma

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DICK J. GERBRANDT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gerbrandt, of Reedley, California, was born at Herbert, Sask., Canada, on April 23, 1911. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at the age of fourteen and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Reedley M. B. Church the following year. He received his high school diploma from the Immanuel Bible School, Reedley, California, in 1932. He did his college work at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, where he graduated with the A.B. degree in 1945. He was married to Linda Wiens on April 29, 1934, at Reedley, California. They were ordained at Sawyer, North Dakota, in 1941 by Rev. F. J. Wiens and Rev. J. H. Pankratz. Before entering mission work, he served as pastor of the following churches: the M. B. Church of Sawyer, North Dakota, for five years, the M. B. Church of San Jose, California, for nine months, and the M. B. Church of Lehigh, Kansas, for two years. He has also spent some time in evangelistic work. The Gerbrandts went to Indiahoma in June, 1945, where they are serving the Lord at the present time.

MRS. LINDA WIENS GERBRANDT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wiens, was born on October 23, 1914, at Shanghang, China. She realized her lost condition and accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of nine and was baptized the following summer. She was graduated from the Dalmeny Bible School, Dalmeny, Sask., in 1929. Two years later she finished her high school work at Reedley, California. Some years later she studied at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. On April 29, 1934, she was married to Dick J. Gerbrandt. She served the Lord, together with her husband, in different pastorates, teaching Vacation Bible School and doing personal work. On June 6, 1945, the Gerbrandts went to work on the mission field at Indiahoma. The Gerbrandts have five children: Marjorie Jane born on February 11, 1935; Carol Ann born on September 28, 1937; David Franklin born on August 7, 1941; Richard Timothy born on April 1, 1946; and Herold John, April 7, 1949.

*O Lord God, thou hast begun  
to shew thy servant thy  
greatness, and thy mighty hand:  
for what God is there in  
heaven or in earth, that can do  
according to thy might?*

—Duct. 3:24.





MISS MARY ESTHER MARTENS  
Nuevo Ideal, Mexico

*I can do all things through  
Christ which strengtheneth  
me.*

—Phil. 4:13.

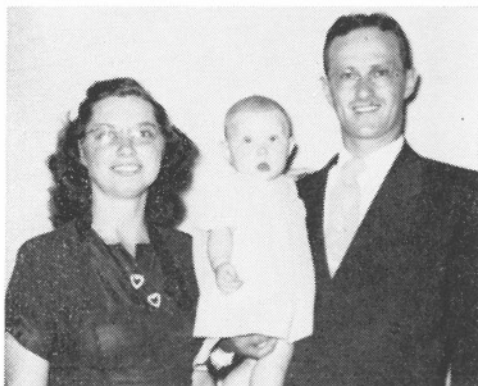
### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARY ESTHER MARTENS, born at Fairview, Oklahoma on January 10, 1921, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Martens, Fairview. Miss Martens spent her childhood in the Fairview community. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of thirteen, and was baptized upon confession of faith on July 1, 1934, and accepted for membership by the Fairview M. B. Church. After finishing high school and one year at Tabor College, she taught at the Rio Grande Bible Institute. Later she attended Pacific Bible Institute at Fresno, California, where she received an A. B. degree. While attending and teaching schools she has led some souls to Christ and also counseled with many young people. She applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service, and has been employed to teach missionary children in Mexico. She left for Mexico, August 11, 1954.



*Enlarge the place of thy  
tent, . . . spare not,  
lengthen thy cords and  
strengthen they stakes;*

—Is. 54:2.



REV. AND MRS. DAN PETKER AND FAMILY  
Lawton View, Okla.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DANIEL PETKER was born at Alexanderkron, Russia, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Petker of British Columbia, Canada, on July 26, 1923. When he was 10 years old he realized his lost condition and accepted Christ as his Savior. In 1940 he was baptized and taken into the M. B. Church at Coaldale, Alberta. He received High School training at the Three Hills, Alberta High School. In 1950 he received his Bible Diploma from the Three Hills Bible Institute; in 1952 he received an A.B. and in 1953 his Th.B. from the Pacific Bible Institute. Mr. Petker served the Lord by teaching D.V.B.S., Sunday School, and working with the West Coast Children's Mission. He has also been student pastor at the Sunset Gardens Mexican Chapel near Fresno, California. It has been his privilege to point both children and adults to the Lord, and to help some with particular problems. In June, 1953, the Petkers took up full time service at the Lawton View Mission, Oklahoma.

ELEANOR VOGT PETKER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard W. Vogt, Corn, Oklahoma, was born on November 17, 1928, at Corn. During services conducted by Rev. David Hooze, at the age of thirteen she had a personal experience of salvation, and a few months later she was baptized and taken into the fellowship of the Premont M. B. Church. Mrs. Petker served as a teacher in a Parochial School in Texas. She has taught D.V.-B.S. in her home church and in some of the Mexican churches. In many ways she has been able to deal personally with children about their salvation. Mrs. Petker received a Bible School certificate from the Corn Bible Academy and a High School Diploma from Falfurrias High School, entered Tabor College in 1946 and in 1949 she was graduated with an A.B. degree. In 1952 she was graduated from Pacific Bible Institute with a Th.B. On July 18, 1952, she married Daniel Petker. The Petkers have one child, Arlene Gail, born on October 7, 1953, at Lawton, Oklahoma.





*When thou goest, thy steps  
shall not be straitened; and  
when thou runnest, thou shalt  
not stumble.*

—Proverbs 4:12.



MISS MARIA SCHULZ  
Nuevo Ideal, Mexico

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MARIA SCHULZ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Schulz, was born June 14, 1922, near Herbert, Saskatchewan. At the age of 12 she accepted Christ as her Savior, which experience was strengthened in revival meetings two years later. In 1941 she was baptized and received into fellowship of the Greenfarm Mennonite Brethren Church in Saskatchewan. Her training includes the three-year course at Herbert Bible School completed in 1948 and the RN degree from Providence Hospital, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, received in 1953. As a Christian worker she has talked to classmates, co-workers and patients regarding their spiritual welfare. Hearing of the need for missionary personnel, particularly nurses, contributed to her decision to volunteer her services for Christ to the Board of Foreign Missions. She departed for her assignment as missionary nurse at Nuevo Ideal, Mexico, in November, 1955. She was ordained by the Greenfarm Church March 18, 1956.





MISS EDNA THIESEN  
Patos, Mexico

*... How beautiful are the  
feet of them that preach the  
gospel of peace, and bring  
glad tidings of good things!*

—Romans 10:15.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS EDNA ANN THIESEN, R.N., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Thiesen, Dinuba, California on February 26, 1922 at Dinuba. She was born again at the age of twelve and joined the Dinuba M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. Her secondary education was begun with the desire to become a nurse. During the school year of 1942-1943 she attended Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California. In the fall of 1943 the Lord opened the way for her to begin nurses training at the Los Angeles County General Hospital School of Nursing. She graduated in August, 1946. While in training, she frequently had the privilege of dealing with unsaved fellow students. During those days she felt the Lord speaking to her concerning the Mission field. In the fall of 1947 she enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, where she studied for one semester. From February, 1948, till May, 1949 she continued her education at Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California, graduating with the Th.G. degree. Here she also served as school nurse and instructor of some medical subjects. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on March 20, 1949, and was appointed for the field in Colombia, South America. During the summer of 1949, Miss Thiesen attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Norman, Oklahoma, and that fall she enrolled in a Spanish course at Fresno Junior College, Fresno, California. She was ordained as foreign missionary by the Dinuba M. B. Church on October 8, 1950. Since November, 1950 she has been laboring at the M. B. mission station, Patos, Mexico.





MISS EDNA THIESEN  
Patos, Mexico

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MR. DAVID H. TOEWS AND FAMILY  
Nuevo Ideal, Mexico

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DAVID H. TOEWS, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Toews of Enid, Oklahoma, was born at Enid on May 10, 1918. Following his conversion at the age of sixteen, he was baptized and accepted as a member of the North M. B. Church, Enid, Oklahoma. He received his education at the M. B. Bible School, North Enid, Oklahoma. On August 11, 1940, he was united in holy matrimony with Elereeca Neufeld, at Fairview, Oklahoma. Before entering foreign mission service, he was active in the Lord's work, teaching Sunday School, Bible Classes, and doing mission work in the Ozarks of Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Toews left for the field in Mexico on November 6, 1950, where they are busy establishing the work at Neuvo Ideal, Est. Patos, Durango, Mexico.

*Commit thy works unto the Lord,  
and thy thoughts shall be established.*

—Proverbs 16:3.

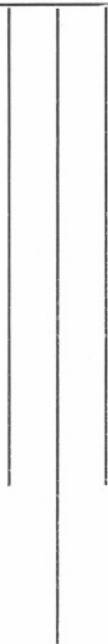
MRS. ELERECCA NEUFELD TOEWS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Neufeld of Fairview, Oklahoma, was born at Fairview on August 28, 1922. She realized her lost condition and accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of ten. Following her conversion she joined the South Fairview M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. She received her education at the M. B. Bible School, North Enid, Oklahoma, graduating in April, 1938. She was married to David H. Toews on August 11, 1940, at Fairview, Oklahoma. Mrs. Toews was an active member in the church teaching Sunday School, Bible Classes and Daily Vacation Bible School. She and her husband also spent six months in mission work among the people of Arkansas. They left for Mexico on November 6, 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Toews have three children: Herman Lee, born on August 29, 1941; Janice May, born on May 26, 1943; Virginia Kay, born on November 14, 1947.





# Paraguay

MISSIONARIES





*For whosoever  
will save his life  
shall lose it: and  
whosoever will lose  
his life for my sake  
shall find it.*

—Matthew 16:25.



REV. AND MRS. ALBERT ENNS

Asuncion, Paraguay

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ALBERT ENNS, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Enns, was born in the Ukraine of Russia on December 16, 1926. In 1937 his father disappeared and following World War II his mother was taken back into Russia. While in a prison camp in Austria at the age of 19 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized the same year in Goeddingen, Germany. In 1947 he emigrated to South America. Following several years of Bible school work in Argentina, he became a member of the Fernheim Mennonite Brethren Church in Paraguay in 1954. In Argentina he studied at the Mennonite Bible School in Bragado for three years and for one year at a Christian and Missionary Alliance Bible school in Buenos Aires from which he was graduated. Previously he had also studied in Europe. His field of service is among Paraguayan nationals in the eastern part of the country with headquarters in Asuncion. Following his marriage to Anna Eckert, they were ordained for missionary service on April 22, 1956.

ANNA ECKERT ENNS was born November 2, 1928, in the village of Lindenau, South Russia. Her father, Jacob Eckert, was minister in the Rueckenau Mennonite Brethren Church and was banished into exile in 1933. At 13 she realized her sinful condition and accepted Christ's redemption. Five years later she was baptized in Hohenbostel, Germany. In 1949 with her mother and family she emigrated to Canada where she became a member of the St. Catharines Mennonite Brethren Church in Ontario. From the time of her baptism she had a desire to serve God where He would lead her. In the confidence that God was guiding her that way, she departed for Paraguay in March, 1956, where she married Albert Enns on April 11, 1956. Together they work among the nationals of eastern Paraguay. Her education and experience consist of schooling in Russia, Bible study through self-study and church courses, attending a session of the Ontario Conference Mennonite Brethren Bible School in Kitchener, and Sunday school and Bible school teaching.





REV. JACOB H. FRANZ AND FAMILY  
Filadelfia, Paraguay

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JACOB HERMAN FRANZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Franz, was born at Kurt-Hschky, Crimea, Russia, on July 26, 1913. After the death of his parents he was given to Mr. and Mrs. Franz Koop, at the age of nine. After his conversion he was baptized and became a member of the M. B. Church, Coaldale, Alberta. The Lord spoke to Mr. Franz about missionary service in 1936 through a visit to Coaldale by the late Missionary J. H. Voth, and his conviction to become a missionary increased as he read the Word of God and missionary books. He attended the Coaldale Bible School during the years 1935-38. In October, 1938, he continued his education at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, receiving his certificate in March, 1940. He was married to Helene Janzen on July 8, 1942. They were ordained by the Coaldale M. B. Church to preach and teach the Gospel on April 23, 1944. They applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in South America on May 16, 1945, and left for Paraguay via New Orleans, Louisiana on April 11, 1946. On the field they are occupied with the Chulupie Indian work, primarily the learning of the language. After a short year of furlough, November, 1951, to January, 1953, they returned to Paraguay; they are stationed at Filadelfia, Fernheim, Chaco, Paraguay.

MRS. HELENE JANZEN FRANZ, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Aron J. Janzen on July 26, 1919, at Rovnopoly, Russia. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of seventeen and three years later, on August 20, 1939, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at La Glace, Alberta, Canada. She received most of her Bible training at the La Glace Bible School where she was graduated in March, 1940. She also spent one year at the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Canada. On July 8, 1942, she was married to Jacob H. Franz at La Glace, Alberta. They were ordained at Coaldale, Alberta, on April 23, 1944, by Rev. B. B. Jantz. Before going out to the foreign fields, Mrs. Franz served the Lord in teaching Sunday School and was an active worker in the Young Ladies Mission group. On April 11, 1946, the Franz's left New Orleans, Louisiana, for their first term of mission work among the Chulupie Indians of Paraguay. The Franz's have four children, the oldest, Esther Agnes, born on July 14, 1943; Herman James, born on March 19, 1947; Eleanor Marlene, born February 9, 1950; and Ernest Walter, born on August 26, 1953, in Paraguay.

*And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace.*

—John 1:16.



*The Lord will give  
strength unto his  
people; the Lord will  
bless his people with  
peace.*

—Psalms 29:11.



REV. GERHARD B. GIESBRECHT AND FAMILY  
Mission Colony, Paraguay

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

GERHARD B. GIESBRECHT, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Giesbrecht, was born on January 27, 1906, at Steinfeld, Russia. He was converted at Markowka, Russia on January 5, 1922, and in August of that same year he joined the Neuheim Mennonite Church, upon confession of faith and baptism. He received his education in the Zentralschule of Russia. He was married to Katharina Unrau April 7, 1928, at Markowka, Russia. Shortly after their marriage they immigrated to South America where they settled in Paraguay, in the Fernheim Colony. Before taking up the work with the Board of Foreign Missions, he served the Lord and the church as preacher and teacher. He was ordained at Fernheim Colony, Paraguay on June 9, 1933, by Rev. G. Isaak and Rev. I. Braun. He took up the mission work in Paraguay on August 11, 1937, where he has served the Lord till the present time.

MRS. KATHARINA UNRAU GIESBRECHT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Unrau of the Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, was born on September 13, 1905, at Steinfeld, Russia. She was converted at Markowka, Russia, in February, 1922, and in August of that same year she was baptized and became a member of the Neuheim Mennonite Church. On April 7, 1928, she was united in marriage to Gerhard B. Giesbrecht. Shortly after their marriage they came to Paraguay, where they settled in the Fernheim Colony. Before taking up mission work, she served the Lord and the church as a faithful Sunday School teacher. The Giesbrechts began their missionary service on August 11, 1937. They are the parents of five children. The oldest, Maria, was born on December 10, 1931; Erna was born on April 13, 1933; Gerdy, the only boy, was born on September 30, 1935; and the youngest, Irma, was born January 29, 1940.





*If ye abide in me, and my  
words abide in you, ye shall  
ask what ye will, and it shall  
be done unto you.*

—John 15:7.

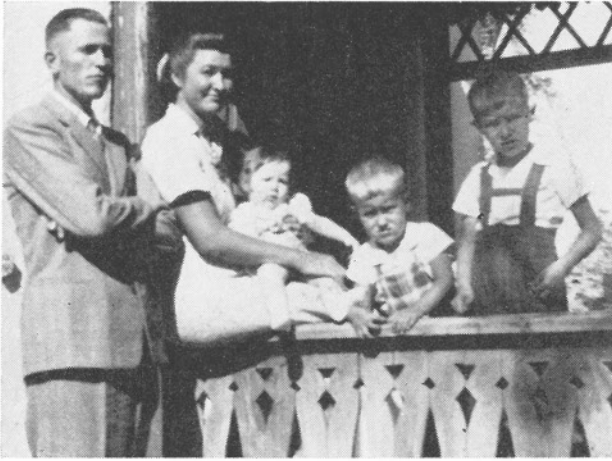


MARIECHEN GIESBRECHT  
Yalve Sanga, Paraguay

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MARIECHEN GIESBRECHT was born in Gnadenheim, Chaco, Paraguay, on December 1, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Giesbrecht. On December 7, 1938, at the early age of seven, Mariechen was converted in her home in Gnadenheim, Fernheim. Upon confession of faith, she was baptized at Filadelfia, Fernheim, March 3, 1945. She received her education in the high school at Filadelfia, Fernheim for three years, after which she attended Elim Bible school, Filadelfia, Fernheim, graduating in October 9, 1952. She received her degree after two years of nurses training at the Filadelfia Hospital, Colony, Fernheim. On February 25, 1953, she was accepted for service by the Board of Foreign Missions.





REV. DAVID HEIN AND FAMILY  
Yalve Sanga, Paraguay

*But it is good for  
me to draw near to  
God: I have put  
my trust in the  
Lord God, that I  
may declare all thy  
works.*

—Psalms 73:28.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DAVID HEIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hein, was born in Russia, August 15, 1922. After his conversion, he was baptized and became a member of the M. B. Church in Filadelfia. He spent four years in the Filadelfia high school, graduating in November, 1939. He then attended the normal school two years, and received his diploma November 28, 1941. He was united in marriage with Maria Friesen February 24, 1945, at Kleefeld, Fernheim. He was ordained by the M. B. Church in Filadelfia February 14, 1954. He began work at the M. B. Mission on February 1, 1952.

MRS. DAVID HEIN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Friesen, was born July 21, 1921, in Russia. She was converted at home at the age of ten. She was baptized later, and then became a member of the M. B. Church in Filadelfia. On February 24, 1945, she was united in marriage with David Hein. Some years after their marriage, February 1, 1952, they began the work at the M. B. Mission in the Fernheim Colony. They are the parents of four children. The oldest, Herbert, was born June 13, 1946; Ernest, June 16, 1948; Rudolf, October 30, 1950; Mariana, July 27, 1953.



*"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised;"*

—Hebrews 10:23.



MR. GERHARD HEIN  
Filadelfia, Paraguay

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

GERHARD HEIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hein, was born in the Ukraine, July 10, 1929. At the age of five, Gerhard was converted. He was baptized and accepted into the Filadelfia Mennonite Brethren Church, at Fernheim on May 21, 1945. After attending high school and one year of Normal school, he graduated from the Elim Bible school, Filadelfia, on October 11, 1953. Mr. Hein began mission work among the Chulupies in the Chaco, Paraguay, in June 1949.



*Now faith is the substance  
of things hoped for, the evi-  
dence of things not seen.*

—Hebrtws 11:1



MR. AND MRS. KORNELIUS ISAAK  
Filadelfia, Paraguay

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

KORNELIUS ISAAK, son of Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Isaak of Blumenort, Colony Fernheim, was born on June 13, 1928 in Russia. At the age of 15, he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour during the evangelistic meetings conducted by Rev. A. E. Janzen at Karlsruhe. October 3, 1944, he was accepted into the M. B. Church, Colony Fernheim. He received three years of secondary education in the high school at Filadelfia, Colony Fernheim. Later he attended the Elim Bible School in Filadelfia, and was graduated October 9, 1952. In 1949, he was engaged to do part-time service among the Chulupie Indians, study the language, and attend Elim Bible School. After finishing Bible School, he was appointed for full-time mission service.

MRS. MARIE BORN ISAAK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Born, was born at Rosenort, Colony Fernheim on December 26, 1934. She was converted at home in Filadelfia, October, 1950. A year later she was baptized and became a member of the M. B. Church in Filadelfia. She attended high school one year. On April 9, 1954, she was united in marriage with Kornelius Isaak.





*Jesus saith unto him, I am  
the way, the truth, and the  
life: no man cometh unto the  
Father but by me.*

—John 14:6.



JACOB KLASSEN AND FAMILY  
Mission Colony, Paraguay

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JACOB KLASSEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Klassen of Waldesruh, Fernheim, was born July 12, 1924 in Russia. He was converted at the age of 13, at Filadelfia, Colony Fernheim. August 13, 1940, he became a member of the E. M. B. Church at Filadelfia upon confession of faith and baptism. He received two years of education in the high school at Filadelfia. He also attended the Bible class at Colony Fernheim. On March 25, 1949, he was married to Katharina Voth of Filadelfia. He began the mission work in Paraguay on April 1, 1949.

MRS. KATHARINA VOTH KLASSEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kornelius Voth of Waldesruh, Fernheim, was born on February 9, 1924, in Russia. She was converted at Filadelfia, Colony Fernheim in June at the age of eleven. On August 13, 1940, she was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church at Filadelfia. On March 25, 1949, she was united in marriage with Jacob Klassen. The Klassens began their missionary service on April 1, 1949. They are the parents of two children. The oldest, Mari Agnes, was born on July 6, 1950; Esther, September 16, 1953.



*For thou art great  
and doest wondrous  
things; thou art God  
alone.*

—Psalms 86:10.



H. KROEKER AND FAMILY  
Mission Colony, Paraguay

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

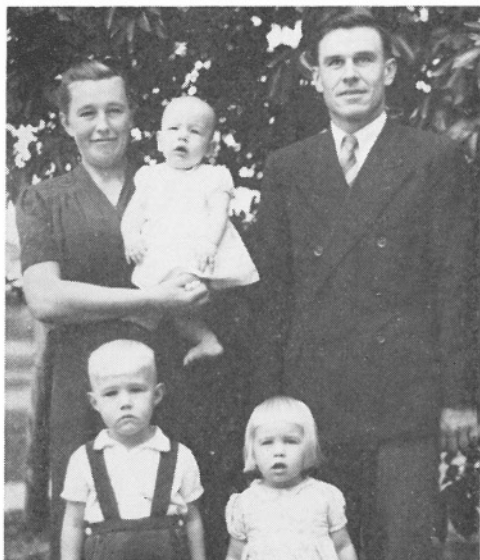
HEINRICH KROEKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kroeker of Paraguay, was born December 26, 1910, in Russia. He received six years of grade school in Russia. At the age of 24, he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at Gnadenheim, Paraguay. June 6, 1932, he was baptized on confession of faith and received into the Filadelfia M. B. Church. He was married to Greta Giesbrecht September 18, 1935. They began work on the M. B. Mission Colony in Paraguay August 27, 1947.

MRS. HEINRICH KROEKER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Giesbrecht of Paraguay, was born December 26, 1917 in Russia. She was converted at the age of 14 at Gnadenheim, Colony Fernheim, April, 1932. Two months later she was baptized and became a member of the Church in Grandenheim, Colony Fernheim. On December 28, 1935, she was united in marriage with Heinrich Kroeker. They began their work in the Fernheim Colony August 27, 1947. The Kroekers have six children. The oldest, Adina, was born February 24, 1936; Verner, March 5, 1940; Herbert, February 24, 1948; Hartmut, February 10, 1950; Mary, February 26, 1952; Elsi, June 11, 1953.



*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.*

—Matthew 28:19, 20.



REV. DIETRICH LEPP AND FAMILY  
Laguna, Ipuna

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DIETRICH LEPP, born in Russia, February 17, 1926, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Lepp. Mr. Lepp was converted at the age of 20 and joined the Mennonite Brethren Church at Filadelfia, Colony Fernheim upon confession of faith and baptism. Mr. Lepp attended the high school of Schoenhorst, Russia four years, receiving his diploma June 25, 1940. He attended the Elim Bible School, in Filadelfia four years, graduating October 1, 1952. On March 31, 1950, he was married to Tiena Barg at Halbstadt, Colony Neuland. He was ordained in the M. B. Church of Filadelfia, Fernheim, April 11, and began work at the M. B. Mission in the Chaco Paraguay, on April 25, 1948.

MRS. DIETRICH BARG LEPP, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Barg, was born in Russia on March 26, 1924. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at the age of 22 in Groman, Germany and was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church at Filadelfia, Colony Fernheim, March 31, 1946. Mrs. Lepp received her Bible education above the elementary level in Fernheim. She joined her husband in the mission work in the Chaco on August 1, 1953. The Lepps have three children, the oldest, Jacob, was born on January 16, 1951; Lena, August 28, 1952; Victor, November 5, 1953.



*O give thanks unto the  
Lord; call upon his name:  
make known his deeds  
among the people.*

—Psalm 105:1.



MR. AND MRS. WALTER RENNERT  
Filadelfia, Paraguay

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

WALTER RENNERT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Rennert of Poland, was born in Poland, October 15, 1928. At the age of 18, Mr. Rennert accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. Two years later, he was baptized at Filadelfia, Colony Fernheim, upon confession of faith, and was accepted into the Gnadentaler M. B. Church, Colony Neuland. He graduated from the Elim Bible School at Filadelfia October 9, 1952. He was married to Irene Neufeld at Waddof, Colony Neuland on February 13, 1954. He began mission work in Paraguay August 10, 1954.

MRS. IRENE NEUFELD RENNERT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Neufeld of Russia, was born on December 27, 1926, in Russia. She was converted in Paraguay in July, and the following year was baptized and became a member of the Gnadentaler M. B. Church in Colony Neuland. Her education, beyond the grades, consists of high school, nurses training, and two years at the Elim Bible School. On February 13, 1954, she was united in marriage with Walter Rennert. The Rennerts began their missionary service on August 10, 1954.





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*I have planted, Apol-  
los watered; but God  
gave the increase.*

—1 Cor. 3:6.



ANNA AND JOE GOMEZ  
Post Oak, Oklahoma

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. ANNA HIEBERT GOMEZ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Hiebert, was born in Russia on August 30, 1886. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour at the age of nineteen and joined the M. B. Church at Mountain Lake, Minnesota, upon confession of faith and baptism. She received her education at the Mountain Lake Bible Academy. In 1911 she went to Post Oak to help Mrs. Becker in the home as well as assist in the church work. She was married to Joe Gomez on February 16, 1913, at Post Oak Mission near Indianola, Oklahoma. She went to assist in the mission work officially at Post Oak in 1936. She has spent a great deal of her time visiting the lowly homes of the Comanches and ministering to the sick. Mr. and Mrs. Gomez have five children. Josephine born on June 20, 1915; Walter born on March 13, 1917; Enedena born on September 3, 1919; Aurora Belen born on August 3, 1920; and Joe Edward born on October 28, 1923.



*For of him, and through  
him, and to him, are all  
things: to whom be glory for  
ever.*

—Romans 11:36.



SARAH GRUNAU  
Indiahoma, Oklahoma

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS SARAH GRUNAU, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Grunau, Enid, Oklahoma, was born at Orienta, Oklahoma on April 20, 1904. On March 16, 1921, at the age of 16, Miss Grunau realized the need of a Savior and accepted Him as her own; a year later, June 11, 1922, she was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church of North Enid. She attended the Enid Bible School, graduating in March 1928; during the year 1946-47 she attended Tabor College. Miss Grunau was active in her home church as Sunday School and D.V.B.S. teacher and sang in the choir. In 1947 she worked as Nurse's aid until the year 1949 when she accepted the call for help at the Post Oak Mission to care for four children. At present Miss Grunau is cooking for the Post Oak Mission School and serves as assistant Sunday School teacher for the nursery class.



*But they that wait upon  
the Lord shall renew their  
strength.*

—Isaiah 40:31a.



ELIZABETH SAWATZKY  
Indiahoma, Oklahoma

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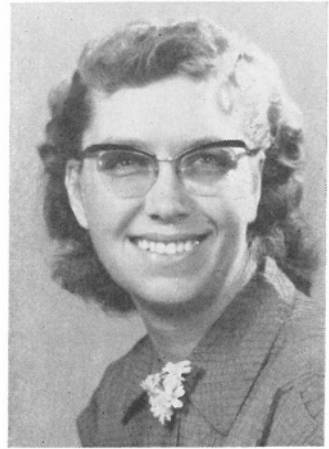
MISS ELIZABETH IDA SAWATZKY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Sawatzky, was born on September 23, 1925. Having had the background of a happy Christian home, she was early convicted of sin and was saved at the age of thirteen under the ministry of Rev. J. N. Willems during a series of meetings held in the Corn M. B. Church. A month later, on October 8, 1939, she was baptized and received into the fellowship of the M. B. Church of Corn. Most of her elementary and secondary education was received in the Weatherford School system. The summer following her graduation she attended the state college in Weatherford. The second semester of that same year, 1947, she enrolled in Tabor College and was graduated in 1950 with a Bible major. Miss Sawatzky has taken active part in Mission Band and Y.W.C.A. and has taught Sunday School and D.V.B.S. Because of her love for the work among the children and young people she took up a teaching position in the Post Oak Mission School, Indiahoma, Oklahoma, in the fall of 1951.





*Teach me thy way, O Lord;  
I will walk in thy truth: unite  
my heart to fear thy name.*

—Psalm 86:11



MISS RUBY SIEBERT

Indiahoma, Oklahoma

RUBY SIEBERT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Siebert, was born October 25, 1931, near Ulysses, Kansas. At the age of nine she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. On June 29, 1941, she was baptized and received into membership of the Ulysses Mennonite Brethren Church. To prepare for Christian service, she studied in the Tabor College Academy and the Corn Bible School and Academy from which she was graduated in 1950. In 1954 she completed the AB course in missions at the Pacific Bible Institute of Fresno. Next year she studied at Tabor College. During the 1955-1956 school year she taught rural school in Meade county, Kansas. In September, 1956, Miss Siebert joined the teaching staff of Post Oak Mission School as a worker under the Board of Foreign Missions with employee status. In preparation for teaching in Oklahoma, she attended Southwestern State Teachers' College, Weatherford, during the summer of 1956. As a Christian worker, she has taught Sunday school, Bible classes and vacation Bible school and done personal work in evangelistic meetings.



*For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron.*

—Psalms 107:9-10.

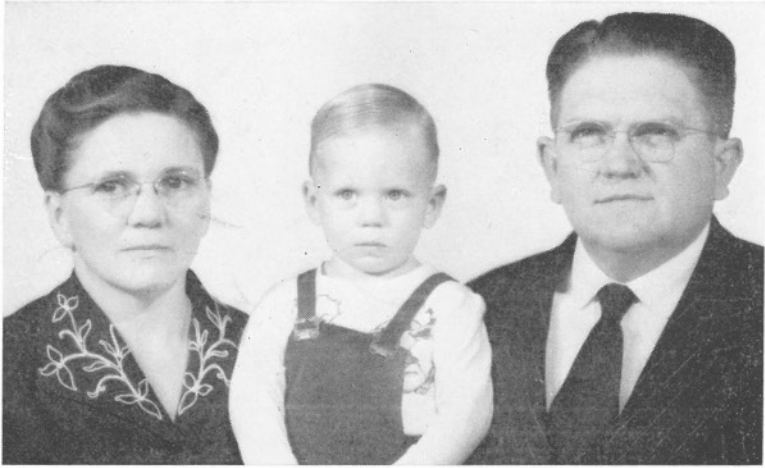


MISS BENA BARTEL  
Lawton, Oklahoma

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS BENA BARTEL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard H. Bartel, was born at Hillsboro, Kansas, on December 28, 1892. At the age of fourteen she was convicted of sin and on May 4, 1907, she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. Two years later she followed the Lord in baptism and was received as a member of the M. B. Church of Hillsboro, Kansas. In September, 1910, Miss Bartel enrolled at Tabor College Academy. In December of that same year it pleased the Lord to call her mother home to Himself and because of the duties of the home, Miss Bartel could not continue her studies. A few years later she returned to the Academy and graduated in May, 1916. She spent one year at Tabor College while at home on her first furlough and another year while on her third furlough. During the years of preparation for the foreign field she served the church and the Lord in teaching Bible Classes and doing personal work. In 1916 Miss Bartel sailed to Tsao Hsien, Shantung Province, China, where she labored till 1923. Her second term lasted from 1924-1934 and her third term from 1935-1943. On July 3, 1946, she left New Orleans for another period of service in China where she has labored faithfully till 1951. When China closed its doors to missionaries, Sister Bartel returned to the homeland and has since labored at Lawton View Mission, Oklahoma.





REV. HERMAN J. NEUFELD AND FAMILY  
Post Oak, Oklahoma

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HERMAN JAMES NEUFELD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franz F. Neufeld, was born at Buhler, Kansas, on September 17, 1909. Following his conversion at the age of eighteen he was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church of Buhler, Kansas. On May 29, 1938, he was united in holy matrimony to Anna Franz. They established their home in Buhler, where he was employed as blacksmith and welder. They were active in church work; however, they felt an inward urge and call for full-time service for the Lord. In 1945 the Neufelds made the decision to follow the Lord's calling and enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, for further preparation. Mr. Neufeld was graduated in May, 1949, with an A. B. degree, majoring in Bible. During the summer of 1947 and 1948 they spent some time at Post Oak and Lawton View Missions, Oklahoma. In June, 1949, they entered full time missionary service under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions at Post Oak Mission, Indianahoma, Oklahoma.

MRS. ANNA FRANZ NEUFELD, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Franz on December 29, 1912, at Buhler, Kansas, was converted at the age of eleven. On August 22, 1926, she was baptized and received into the fellowship of the M. B. Church of Buhler, Kansas. She graduated from the Buhler High School in May, 1933. In February, 1934, she began nurses training at Axtell Christian Hospital, Newton, Kansas, and received the R. N. degree in February, 1937. She spent four and a half years in full time nursing. Other practical experience includes child evangelism and personal work. During the school year 1945-48 she studied at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. James Edward Neufeld was born on March 6, 1949.

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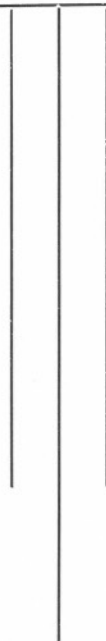
*O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I  
am thy servant, and the son of thine  
handmaid; thou hast loosed my bonds.  
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of  
thanksgiving, and will call upon the  
name of the Lord.*

—Psalms 116:16-17.



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MISS EMMA BARTEL  
(Returned)  
Hillsboro, Kansas

*. . . . I take pleasure in  
infirmities, in reproaches, in  
necessities, in persecutions, in  
distresses for Christ's sake:  
for when I am weak, then am  
I strong.*

—2 Cor. 12:10.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS EMMA BARTEL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard H. Bartel, was born at Hillsboro, Kansas on August 12, 1897. She was converted at the age of fourteen and was baptized and received into the M. B. Church of Hillsboro, Kansas. After finishing her high school training at Tabor College Academy, she took up nurses training. She was graduated from the Bethel School of Nursing, Newton, Kansas in 1922. Before she went out for foreign mission work, she served the Lord by taking care of the sick, ministering to their souls as well as their bodies. In 1924, Miss Bartel sailed to Tsao Hsien, Shantung Province, China, where she laboured for ten years. Her second term in China lasted from 1935-1943. While Miss Bartel was on her second furlough, she studied at Tabor College during the school year of 1945-46. On July 3, 1946, she left New Orleans for China where she has been laboring under great difficulties, but faithfully serving Him who called her. When China closed its doors to Missionaries in 1951 she returned to the homeland and is now serving in the Salem Hospital at Hillsboro.



*In this was manifested the  
love of God toward us, be-  
cause that God sent his only  
begotten Son into the world,  
that we might live through  
him.*

—I John 4:9.



MRS. JOHN S. DICK  
(Returned)

Dinuba, California

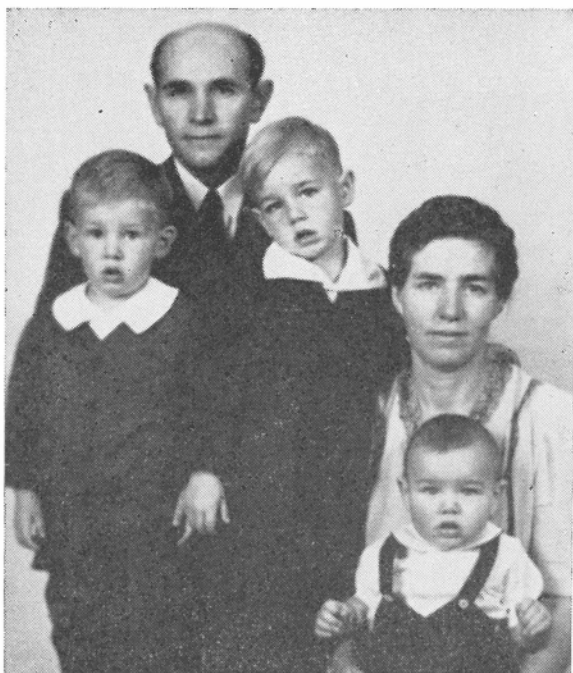
#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. JOHN S. (TINA HARDER) DICK was born near Petersburg, Boone County, Nebraska where she spent her childhood days and early youth. It was also in this community where she received her early education. She attended Tabor College from 1910 to 1914, and later Moody Bible Institute for several years. It was here where she met John S. Dick with whom she was united in holy matrimony on October 10, 1918, at Hillsboro, Kansas. On February 15, 1920, she was ordained, together with Mr. Dick, by Rev. P. E. Nickel and Rev. H. H. Flaming, and in that same year they followed the call for service at Shanhang, Fukien Province, South China and came home on furlough in 1927. Returning again to China in 1929 they labored in that field until 1931 when the political situation of South China made a change necessary. The K. M. B. Conference at Chortzeshan, North China, at this time provided shelter and work, until 1935 when the Dicks returned to America. In 1941 the Board of Foreign Missions called them to Post Oak Mission, Indianahoma, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Dick began their service on January 10, 1941 and together they served for a little over a year. On March 19, 1942 it pleased the Lord to call Mr. Dick home to Himself and Mrs. Dick carried on the work alone until June, 1942 when new workers came to fill the vacancy and she was able to return to her home in Dinuba, California, where she is living at the present time. Mrs. Dick has three children, the oldest, Verna Hazel, was born on August 29, 1919; Vester John, September 9, 1922; and Wilma Catherine, May 28, 1926.



*Now thanks be unto  
God, which always  
causeth us to triumph  
in Christ, and maketh  
manifest the savor of  
his knowledge by us in  
everyplace.*

—II Cor. 2:14.



REV. BERNARD P. EPP AND FAMILY  
(Returned)  
Vauxhall, Alberta

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

BERNARD P. EPP, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Epp, was born at Steinfeld, Russia, on June 29, 1911. Mr. Epp received his education in various schools. In November, 1931, he enrolled at the Coaldale Bible School and was graduated in April, 1934. Later he spent one year at the Winkler Bible School and was graduated in April, 1936. In the fall of that same year he enrolled at the Three Hills Bible Institute where he studied for a year and a half. In September of 1934 he enrolled at Tabor College and was graduated with an A.B. degree in May, 1945. During the summer of that same year he attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics. Before Mr. Epp went to the foreign field he served the Lord in teaching, preaching and in doing personal work. In 1937 he went to Paraguay to do mission work among the Indians surrounding the Fernheim Colony. His bride, Susanna Dueck, followed him in 1940 and they were married in Fernheim on October 5, 1940. The two worked among the Lengua Indians until July, 1941 when they returned to Canada on account of ill health. They were ordained by the M. B. Church of Coaldale, Alberta in 1943. On April 11, 1946 the Epps left from New Orleans for a second term in Paraguay, but needed to return to Canada again in January, 1949 on account of health.

MRS. SUSANNA DUECK EPP, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Dueck, was born at Alissowa, Orenburg, Russia, on July 1, 1913. She was converted at an early age and baptized upon confession of faith in the finished work of Christ. She joined the M. B. Church of Coaldale, Alberta, where she is a member at the present time. Her education beyond the grades consists of three years in the Coaldale Bible School, Coaldale, Alberta, one year at the Hepburn Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan and two years at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. Before entering foreign mission work she served the Lord in the home church as well as in ministering to the sick. In 1940 she joined her fiancé, Bernard P. Epp, in Paraguay and was married to him October 5 of that same year. They served on the mission field in South America until July, 1941, when they returned to Canada. The Coaldale Church ordained them as missionaries in 1943. On April 11, 1946, they left from New Orleans for a second term in Paraguay and returned to Canada in January, 1949. The Epps have three children, Harold Bernard, born on February 6, 1942; Ervin Henry, born on August 7, 1943; and Elmer Vernon on February 10, 1945.





REV. BENNIE J. FADENRECHT AND FAMILY

La Cumbre, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

BENNIE J. FADENRECHT, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Fadenrecht, West Salem, Oregon, was born at Munich, North Dakota, on August 12, 1913. He was converted at the age of sixteen while attending the Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Manitoba, and joined the M. B. Church of Munich, North Dakota, upon confession of faith and baptism. In 1939 he received his degree of Associate in Arts from Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. Two years later he graduated from Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas with the Bachelor of Arts degree. During the school year of 1941-42 he taught public school at Lustre, Montana. He was inducted into Civilian Public Service in 1942 where he served in varying capacities for three and a half years, which included taking a foreign relief course at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana. He was married to Ruth Ella Zook on June 12, 1944. They applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in April, 1948, and were accepted for service in Colombia. In the spring of 1949 Mr. Fadenrecht received the B.D. degree from Tabor College. The Fadenrechts have helped at the Lawton View and Post Oak Missions in Oklahoma and at the Pine Ridge Indian Mission in South Dakota prior to their going to the field. They were ordained at the Hillsboro M. B. Church on June 25, 1950, by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. P. R. Lange, and Rev. Waldo Hiebert. They left New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 7, 1950. They have charge of the Missionary Children's School on the La Cumbre Station in Colombia.

MRS. RUTH ELLA ZOOK FADENRECHT was born at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania on March 15, 1919. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Zook, Chambersburg. She was converted at the age of ten and immediately felt the Lord's call for foreign service. At the age of twelve she was baptized and became a member of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church. She graduated with an A.A. degree in elementary teaching from Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana. She taught for two years at the Ontario Bible Academy, Fort Erie, Ontario. On the field she is mother and teacher to the children of missionaries who attend the La Cumbre School for Missionary Children.

Bennie Dwight Fadenrecht, the first born of the family, was born on October 5, 1945. Rosalyn Ruth arrived on August 27, 1947. Annabeth Vivian joined the family circle on February 14, 1950.

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*And if thou draw out thy soul to  
the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted  
soul; then shall thy light rise in ob-  
scurity, and thy darkness be as the  
noon day.*

—Isaiah 58:10.







REV. HAROLD E. GAEDE AND FAMILY  
(Returned)

Fresno, California

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HAROLD E. GAEDE, born at Hillsboro, Kansas on December 23, 1920, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Gaede, Hillsboro. Mr. Gaede accepted Christ as his personal Saviour when he was fourteen and joined the M. B. Church at Hillsboro upon confession of faith and baptism. After finishing high school, he attended Tabor College for two years. The following year he transferred to Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, but returned to Tabor to complete his college course in 1943. The summer of 1943 was spent at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana. Mr. Gaede spent three years in Civilian Public Service. He was married to Marianna Suderman on April 7, 1945, at Reedley, California. After his release from government service, the Gaedes moved to Dallas, Texas, where he began his studies in the Dallas, Theological Seminary in 1946. On May 9, 1950, he graduated, receiving his Master of Theology degree. During his years of preparation, Mr. Gaede took many opportunities to witness as Bible teacher and personal worker. The Gaedes made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Japan on February 13, 1950, and were ordained as foreign missionaries at the Hillsboro M. B. Church on June 25, 1950, by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. P. R. Lange, and Rev. Waldo Hiebert. Immediately after ordination, they left for California where they served at the City Terrace Mission in Los Angeles during the summer months. They spent fifteen weeks at the University of California, Berkely, in the study of elementary Japanese. This course ended in January, 1950. They left San Francisco for their field in Japan on February 26, 1951, on the William Luckenbach. On account of Brother Gaede's health they returned to America on Dec. 10, 1953.

MRS. MARIANNA SUDERMAN GAEDE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Suderman, was born at Reedley, California, on January 9, 1924. She was converted at the age of seven and was baptized and received into the M. B. Church at Bakersfield, California, four years later. She always had a desire to enter into some type of Christian service. Her practical experience includes teaching Children's Bible classes and doing personal work in Bakersfield and Dallas, Texas. After high school graduation, Mrs. Gaede attended Tabor College for two years, graduating in 1943 with a Th.G. degree. After her marriage to Harold Gaede in 1945, they spent one year and three months at Kalamazoo, Michigan, in mental hospital work. During the time of their residence in Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Gaede was employed in the Baptist Book Store for one year, and also attended Dallas Bible Institute Night School. She joined her husband in the study of the Japanese language at the University of California, Berkeley, from September, 1950 to January, 1951.

The Gaedes have four children. Sharon Elaine was born on February 6, 1948, Don Harold on March 22, 1950, Paul and Kenneth on June 21, 1953.

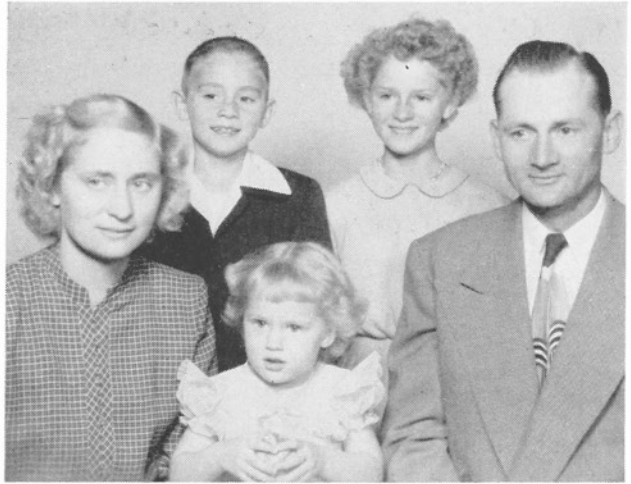
*... Of a truth  
I perceive that  
God is no re-  
specter of per-  
sons: But in  
every nation he  
that feareth  
him, and  
worketh right-  
eousness, is ac-  
cepted with*

—Acts 10:34-35.



*Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

—I Cor. 10:31



WILLIAM GOERTZEN AND FAMILY  
Kafumba, Africa

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

WILLIAM GOERTZEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Goertzen, was born on March 21, 1916 in Floris, Oklahoma. He was converted in Santa Maria, California and baptized on April 20, 1941. He joined the Nazarene Church at Santa Marie, California, but was later received into the fellowship of the M.B. Church at Shafter, California, on March 31, 1946. He received his elementary education at Big Bow, Kansas, where he completed the 8th grade. He has also had experience in Christian activities such as Sunday School teaching, extension work, and work in the local church. Mr. Goertzen and his family did well with work as contractor and builder. In the course of time God laid it upon his heart to give of his time and talent to the Lord's work in the Mission building program on the foreign field. After communicating this conviction to the Board of Foreign Missions, he was gladly accepted for a period of building service on the Africa field. The William Goertzens left New York on May 6, 1953, and are now serving in the building program of the A.M.B. Mission on the stations for the Kwango District.

MRS. MARTHA LOUISE EPP GOERTZEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Epp, was born at Shafter, California on December 4, 1922. She was converted at an early age and baptized on December 4, 1938. She joined the Nazarene Church of Santa Maria but later transferred to the M. B. Church of Shafter, California on March 31, 1946. She was active in Christian activity and in teaching Sunday School. Mrs. Goertzen completed grade 12 in Shafter, California. After yielding to the Lord's way for them, the Goertzens and their three children left for a period of service on the Africa field. The Goertzens have two sons and two daughters: Christine Marie, born on May 6, 1942; William John, born on March 30, 1945; Deborah Ann, born on March 22, 1950; and Michael Paul, born in Africa on December 22, 1953.





REV. J. N. C. HIEBERT AND FAMILY  
(Returned)  
Hillsboro, Kansas

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN N. C. HIEBERT, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Hiebert, was born at Mt. Lake, Minn., March 5, 1904. At the age of twelve he accepted Christ as Saviour and joined the M. B. Church at Mt. Lake upon confession of faith and baptism Aug. 20, 1916. He finished Mt. Lake High School in 1922 and St. Paul Bible Institute in 1926. This was followed by two years at Minnesota University and one year at the Missionary Institute at Nyack. In 1928 he enrolled at Tabor College and was graduated with a Th.B. Degree in 1929. After one term in India he studied two years at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, graduating with an A. B. degree in 1938. During his second furlough he spent the spring semester of 1943 at Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. During the summer of 1945 and 1946 as well as the spring semester of 1947, Mr. Hiebert studied at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, where he received the A.M. degree. He was married to Anna Jungas on Aug. 9, 1927, at Mt. Lake. Brother Hiebert's practical experience consists of one year evangelistic and three years of pastoral work. The Hieberts were ordained on July 7, 1929, at Mt. Lake by Rev. J. H. Pankratz. On July 25, 1929, they left from New York for their first term in India and returned via San Francisco in March, 1936. Oct., 1938 to July, 1942, constituted their second, and Nov. 29, 1947, to Dec. 24, 1951, the third term. On February 3, 1952, Rev. Hiebert was inaugurated President of Tabor College in which capacity he served until January 1, 1954.

MRS. ANNA JUNGAS HIEBERT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jungas, was born Aug. 2, 1906 at Mt. Lake, Minn. She accepted Christ as Saviour, was baptized and on Sept. 7, 1919 joined the M.B. Church at Mt. Lake. She finished Mt. Lake High School in 1924, St. Paul Bible Institute in 1927, and took 6 months' nurses training at Bethel Hospital, Mt. Lake. After her marriage to John N. C. Hiebert in the summer of 1927, she accompanied him to Nyack for study. They left for mission service in India on July 25, 1929. The Hieberts have nine children, Phyllis Jean, born July 15, 1928; Grace Luella (Mrs. Zapata), November 10, 1929; Helen Luetta, May 19, 1931 (deceased in Dec. 1931); Paul Gordon, November 13, 1932; Elizabeth Ann, August 9, 1934; Gwendolyn Jeanette, September 29, 1936; JoAnne Ruth, November 30, 1937; Margaret Suzanne, January 6, 1943; and Lois Kathleen, July 27, 1949, and one son-in-law, Ricardo Zapata, and two grandchildren.

*And all things are of God, who  
hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus  
Christ, and hath given to us the  
ministry of reconciliation.*

—2 Cor. 5:18.

Rev. Hiebert deceased on July 20, 1956.



*The Lord is good, a strong  
hold in the day of trouble;  
and he knoweth them that  
trust in him.*

—Nahum 1:7.



MISS ADELGUNDA PRIEB  
(Returned)  
Hillsboro, Kansas

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ADELGUNDA J. PRIEB, R. N., was born on January 25, 1892, at Hillsboro, Kansas to Mr. and Mrs. William Prieb. When Miss Prieb was fourteen years old she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. On November 5, 1905, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the Gnadenau K. M. B. Church near Hillsboro. In 1912 she transferred her membership to the Hillsboro M. B. Church. After completing her elementary school training she enrolled at the Tabor College Academy and was graduated in the spring of 1918. In order to prepare herself better for foreign mission work she took up nurses training at the Bethel Hospital, Newton, Kansas, where she obtained the R. N. degree in 1922. Later she returned to Tabor College for further study and was graduated from the four-year bible course in the spring of 1926. Her practical experience before entering foreign mission work consists of teaching public school, and private and hospital nursing as well as personal work. She was ordained at Hillsboro in September, 1926, by Rev. H. W. Lohrenz. She left from Vancouver, British Columbia, for mission work in China on September 20, 1926. During her stay on the foreign field she took care of the medical work in Shanghang. In 1934 the political unrest in China hindered mission work to such an extent that Miss Prieb had to return to America, making her home at Hillsboro, Kansas.





*O magnify the Lord with  
me, and let us exalt his name  
together.*

—Psalms 34:3.



MISS SOPHIA RICHERT  
(Returned)  
Oakland, California

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS SOPHIA RICHERT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Richert, was born on April 5, 1893, at Goessel, Kansas. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of twelve and was accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Gotebo, Oklahoma on June 11, 1905 upon confession of faith and baptism. She received her Bible training at the Los Angeles Bible Institute and was graduated in 1918. Later she took up nurses' training at the Maternity Cottage Hospital, Los Angeles, California and was graduated in 1920. Before Miss Richert went out to the foreign field she was ordained at Reedley, California on July 31, 1921 by Rev. H. W. Lohrenz and Rev. D. C. Eitzen. On August 23, 1921 she sailed from San Francisco to the M. B. Mission field in China where she took up medical work at Eng Teng. After seven years of blessed service Miss Richert was obliged to return to the homeland because the political unrest in China made it impossible to carry on her work. She returned to her home via San Francisco on October 28, 1928 and is now serving in the Beulah Rest Home, Oakland, California.



*How beautiful  
upon the moun-  
tains are the feet of  
him that bringeth  
good tidings, that  
publisheth peace;  
that bringeth good  
tidings of good,  
that publisheth sal-  
vation.*

—Isaiah 52:7.



REV. DILWYN B. STUDEBAKER AND FAMILY  
Wanaparthy, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DILWYN B. STUDEBAKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Browning Studebaker, Fresno, California, was born on October 12, 1918, at Divernon, Illinois. At the age of eight he made a public confession of faith and was baptized nine years later. He entered high school with a view of preparing for missionary service. He attended Swedish Free Church Academy, Chicago, Illinois, during the years of 1931-33, Nicholas Senior High School, Chicago, Illinois, from 1933-35, receiving the high school diploma in June, 1935. During the school year of 1935-36 he continued his studies at North Park Junior College, Chicago, Illinois, and the following year at Modesto Junior College, Modesto, California. Further education was obtained at Fresno State Teachers' College, Fresno, California; St. Paul Bible Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota; Westmont College, Los Angeles, California, where he earned the A.B. degree in 1944; Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana; and Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. He was graduated with the B.D. degree from Tabor College in May, 1948. Mr. Studebaker was united in holy matrimony to Mildred Lucille Heinrichs on June 3, 1944. They made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for missionary service on August 8, 1946, and were accepted for the field in Colombia but re-assigned to India on November 5, 1948. On July 18, 1948, they were ordained as foreign missionaries by the M. B. Church at Reedley, California. They left New Orleans on March 22, 1949, and are at present stationed on the Wanaparthy field of the M. B. Mission in India.

MRS. LUCILLE HEINRICHS STUDEBAKER was born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Heinrichs at Dinuba, California, on October 5, 1923. At the age of nine she found Christ as her personal Saviour and on April 25, 1938, was baptized and taken into the membership of the Reedley M. B. Church. After she was saved she felt the call to the mission field. She graduated from Reedley High School on June 10, 1941, and received the A.A. degree from Reedley Junior College in June, 1943. During the school year of 1943-44 she studied at Westmont College, Los Angeles, California. While her husband attended Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana, she also took a few courses. She was an active church worker, taking part in Sunday School and musical service.

The Studebakers have two children, Judith Jeanne arrived on March 13, 1945, and her brother, Keith Eugene, on February 23, 1951.





REV. AND MRS. VICTOR D. TOEWS AND FAMILY  
Filadelfia, Paraguay

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

VICTOR D. TOEWS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Toews, was born May 23, 1918, at Waldheim, Russia. When he was two years of age, his parents died in Russia and he and his brother were brought to Canada. The Lord spoke mightily to him at the age of six and he found salvation. One year later he was baptized and accepted into the Coaldale M. B. Church. After graduating from the Coaldale High School in 1937 and from Coaldale Bible School in 1937, he spent four years in the Bethany Bible School. During the fourth year the need of the Canadian Home Mission field became great, and he entered work in Northern Saskatchewan under the Western Children's Mission, later in Alberta. He received his Th. B. from the M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg in 1950 and in 1951 he was graduated from the University of British Columbia with an A.B. Degree, where he also took the teacher's training course. Along with many other activities, Rev. Toews taught two years in the East-Chilliwack Bible School and helped in the Gospel ministry in several places. On August 4, 1946, Mr. Toews was united in Holy matrimony to Anne Peters. Mr. and Mrs. Toews were ordained on October 21, 1951, at the Vancouver M. B. Church by the brethren; J. G. Thiessen, A. A. Toews and J. F. Redekop.

ANNE PETERS-TOEWS was born November 5, 1918, at Pordinau, Russia. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Peters of Sardis, British Columbia. Four years after she had come to know Christ as her Savior at the age of twelve, she yielded her life completely to the will of the Lord and in September, 1944, followed the Lord in baptism. She was graduated from Hancey High School in 1937; in 1940 she received her diploma in psychiatric nursing from the Provincial Mental Hospital and then was graduated as an R. N. from the Vancouver General Hospital in 1945. She also attended the M. B. Bible College in Winnipeg from 1945 to 1946. During her years of experience in attending to the physically ill, she has found many opportunities to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. and Mrs. Toews have three children: Bernhard Jacob, born June 19, 1947, in Coaldale, Alberta; Clara Marie, born September 1, 1948, in Chilliwack, B. C., and Victor Eric, born September 10, 1952, in Fernheim, Paraguay.

*And the things that thou hast heard  
of me among many witnesses, the  
same commit thou to faithful men,  
who shall be able to teach others also.*

—II Tim. 2:2.





MRS. HERMAN H. WARKENTIN AND FAMILY

(Returned)

Fresno, California

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. BEATRICE RUBENA KOOP WARKENTIN, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Koop, Atwater, California, was born at Enid, Oklahoma, on November 17, 1922. Soon after her conversion at twelve she was baptized and taken into the Enid M. B. Church as a member. She received her high school diploma from Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas in 1941. During the school year of 1942-43 she took some college courses at Westmont College, Los Angeles, California. Her practical experience includes teaching Daily Vacation Bible School, assisting her father in evangelistic meetings, and taking opportunities to witness in personal work. The Mission Band of Tabor College was a great influence to her in considering missionary service. The family consists of one daughter and five sons. Sharon was born on February 24, 1943; Paul on August 4, 1944; John joined the family circle on February 17, 1947; Henry was born on December 10, 1948, but went to his heavenly home on March 15, 1950; Kenneth, on August 31, 1950; Joel on February 14, 1952; and Robert was born on February 23, 1953. After serving on the Kalvakurty station, India, for six years and three months, Mr. Warkentin met with sudden accidental death on March 26, 1953, when a rope by means of which he was going into a deep well for repairs broke. After the sudden death of her husband, Mrs. Warkentin and her children returned to America on April 17, 1953.

*But when it pleased God, who  
separated me from my  
mother's womb; and called me by  
his grace, to reveal his Son  
in me, that I might preach him  
among the heathen;*

—Gal. 1:15-16







MRS. FRANK J. WIENS

(Returned)

Reedley, California

*For of him, and through  
him, and to him, are all  
things: to whom be glory for  
ever.*

—Romans 11:36.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

AGNES KOOP WIENS, R.N., (Mrs. F. J. Wiens), was born in Blumenort, Russia, on December 26, 1893 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koop, later Blumenhof, Saskatchewan, Canada. Mrs. Wiens accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of twenty, on March 15, 1913, in Russia and was baptized on June 20, 1913. Miss Koop, following the invitation of Reverend F. J. Wiens and call to the Mission Field in China on June 12, 1937, was united in holy matrimony to Missionary F. J. Wiens whose first wife had died in China on June 9, 1935. Their marriage took place in Hongkong, July 3, 1937. After a few years of fruitful service for her Master she returned with her husband from China via Shanghai and Vancouver, British Columbia. On September 28, 1942, it pleased the Heavenly Father to take her companion, Rev. F. J. Wiens, home to his reward. Mrs. Wiens is at the present time living at Reedley, California and has five step children: Herbert was born on March 13, 1908 in Henderson Nebraska; Adina, December 31, 1910, Russia; Herold, December 26, 1912, China; Linda, October 24, 1915, China; and Roland, August 26, 1917, China.



# Pensioned

## MISSIONARIES







MRS. ABRAHAM J. BECKER  
(Pensioned)  
Lawton, Oklahoma

*Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.*

—Psalm 123:1-2

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. KATHARINA POETKER BECKER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Poetker, was born on January 27, 1887, at Lindeau, South Russia. In 1925 she emigrated to the United States of America. At the age of forty she accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour, and in 1931, she was baptized and accepted into the membership of the M.B. Church of Fairview, Oklahoma. Later she moved to Premont, Texas. On November 13, 1941, she was married to Missionary A. J. Becker at Lawton, Oklahoma. Even though Mrs. Becker was introduced to the missionary work done by Brother Becker through marriage, she nevertheless shared with him a deep interest in this cause. The Beckers by first marriage have six children. Daniel A., born on August 14, 1898; William J., August 21, 1900; Peter A., August 7, 1903; Herwanna N., December 14, 1907; Samuel D., May 9, 1910; and Glen V., February 26, 1918.



*I love the Lord, because he  
hath heard my voice and my  
supplications. Because he hath  
inclined his ear unto me,  
therefore will I call upon him  
as long as I live.*

—Psalms 116:1-2



MRS. DANIEL F. BERGTHOLD  
(Pensioned)  
Reedley, California

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. ANNA SUDERMAN BERGTHOLD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Suderman, was born on December 26, 1875, at Bingham Lake, Minnesota. She was converted at the age of eighteen and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Bingham Lake upon confession of faith and baptism. She received her education, beyond the elementary level, at the Chicago Light and Hope, Chicago Bible Institute and later also took some nurses training. In 1898 she, as an independent worker, left from New York for her first term in India. After Brother and Sister N. N. Hiebert and Sister Elizabeth Neufeld (Wall-Wichert) arrived in 1899 the M.B. Conference also asked Sister Suderman (Bergthold) to join the new missionaries and accepted her as a worker under the conference. She together with Sister Elizabeth Neufeld and Brother and Sister J. H. Pankratz organized the first M. B. Church among the Telugus on March 27, 1904. On June 20, 1916, she was married to Missionary Daniel F. Bergthold at Ootacamund, India. They labored in India for many years making their final return to American in 1946. Mrs. Bergthold was left alone when her husband departed to his Heavenly Home on October 25, 1948. At present, she is living in the Home for the Aged, Reedley, California. The Bergtholds have seven children: Viola born on August 17, 1903, by the first marriage; Lydia, March 3, 1907; Bertha, August 31, 1908; Martha, October 6, 1909; Abraham, September 5, 1915 (deceased, 1916); Henry D., August 3, 1914, by the second marriage; and Samuel G., October 21, 1918 by third marriage.





*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

—I Cor. 15:58.



MISS PAULINA FOOTE  
(Pensioned)  
Corn, Oklahoma

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS PAULINA FOOTE, daughter of Henry and Eva Block Foote, was born on November 13, 1891 at Marion, Kansas. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour in January, 1909 and was baptized and received into the Corn M. B. Church on August 6, 1909. After her elementary education she attended and was graduated from the Tabor German-English Academy in May, 1916. In May, 1922 she was graduated from the Tabor College Bible Department and received her A.B. degree from Tabor College in 1925. She attended the Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, where she received her Th.B. degree in May, 1932. Her practical work consists of teaching Sunday School for six years as well as other work in the Church. She was ordained on August 12, 1922, and left for her first term of service in China on October 17, 1922 from San Francisco returning in October, 1929 via Vancouver. She left for her second term of service from Vancouver in August, 1934 and returned via San Francisco in October, 1946.



*Ye have not chosen me but  
I have chosen you, and or-  
dained you, that ye should go  
and bring forth fruit, and that  
your fruit should remain.*

—John 15:16.



REV. AND MRS. N. N. HIEBERT

(Pensioned)

Hillsboro, Kansas

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

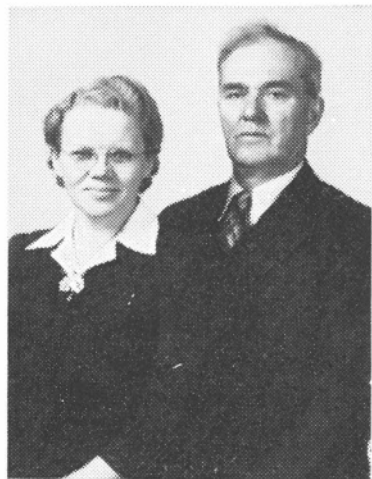
NICHOLAS N. HIEBERT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nickolai C. Hiebert, was born on July 29, 1874 at Lichtfelde, Russia. His parents immigrated to the United States before he was a year old and settled in Minnesota. At the age of fifteen he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and one year later, in the summer of 1890, he was baptized by the Mountain Lake M. B. Church and accepted into the fellowship of the Bingham Lake M. B. Church. He received his High School education at Windom, Minnesota. He also spent one year, 1897-1898, at McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas. On May 28, 1899, he was united in marriage to Susie Wiebe at Bingham Lake. They were ordained at Bingham Lake on June 6, 1899, by Rev. Abraham Schellenberg and Rev. Henry Voth. Brother Hiebert's practical experience before entering foreign mission work consists of teaching Sunday School, helping in the choir, and teaching public school at Mountain Lake for five years. At the meeting of the General Mennonite Brethren Conference in 1898 the Lord laid it upon the hearts of the delegates that the time had come for the conference to spread the Gospel to other lands. At the same time the brethren accepted Brother and Sister N. N. Hiebert as the first M. B. missionaries to India. The Hieberts sailed for India in the summer of 1899 and arrived there in October; however, after eighteen short months had passed Brother Hiebert became seriously ill so that he and his family had to return to America. Even though they had to return from the field their missionary interest has continued to glow through the years by encouraging the churches at home.

MRS. SUSIE WIEBE HIEBERT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiebe, was born on July 19, 1880, at Waldheim, Russia. When she was six years of age she, together with her parents, immigrated to the United States where they settled in Minnesota. At the age of fifteen she experienced the forgiveness of sins by claiming Christ as her Saviour. On August 11, 1896, she joined the M. B. Church of Bingham Lake, Minnesota upon confession of faith and baptism. On May 28, 1899, she was married to Nicholas N. Hiebert at Bingham Lake. Shortly after their wedding they were ordained as missionaries for India. On June 16, 1899 they left the shores of the United States as the first M. B. missionaries to the foreign field. The Hieberts have twelve children: Marie born on June 18, 1900 (deceased, 1947); Susie, June 18, 1900 (deceased, 1900); Albert, May 30, 1902 (deceased, 1909); John N. C., March 5, 1904; Clyde, January 24, 1907; Samuel, April 13, 1909; Alma, December 5, 1911; Annie, December 5, 1911; Waldo, July 3, 1914; Lando, July 3, 1914; Rosella, September 26, 1916; and Alvin, July 14, 1918.



*The works of the Lord are  
great, sought out of all them  
that have pleasure therein.*

—Psalms 111:2.



REV. AND MRS. AARON A. JANZEN  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

AARON A. JANZEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aron F. Janzen, was born on May 24, 1882, at Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He was converted at the age of 24 and on July 8, 1906, he joined the M. B. Church, Mountain Lake, Minnesota, upon confession of faith and baptism. He received his early Bible training in the Mountain Lake Bible School, graduating in May, 1908. In order to better prepare himself for foreign missions, he enrolled at Moody Bible Institute and was graduated in August, 1912. Later he spent one year at the Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York. On June 1, 1911, he was united in marriage to Ernestina Deckman who laid down her life on the Belgian Congo soil in the year 1937. They were ordained on March 4, 1917, at Bingham Lake, Minnesota by Rev. Henry Voth. Mr. Janzen's practical work before going to the foreign field, consists of teaching Sunday School, holding gospel services in jails and hospitals as well as doing personal work. On November 16, 1912, the Janzens left New York for pioneer mission work in the Belgian Congo of Africa; they returned on August 11, 1916. Their second term lasted from January 25, 1919, till 1927. On December 12, 1928, they left for a third term, and it was during this term that Mrs. Janzen was asked to lay down her life. Mr. Janzen carried on alone for several years and on January 24, 1943, he was married to Martha Hiebert at Bulawayo, South Africa. They came home on furlough on July 5, 1946. On February 2, 1949, they left New York for another period of service in the Belgian Congo where they are serving the Master at the Kafumba Station.

MRS. MARTHA HIEBERT JANZEN, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter P. Hiebert on November 1, 1905, at Cottonwood City, Minnesota. She was converted at the age of twelve and four years later, on September 25, 1921, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church, Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She completed her high school training on May 28, 1925, at the Mountain Lake High School. In order to prepare herself for foreign mission work, she enrolled at Northwestern Bible School and was graduated on May 24, 1928. While she was home on her first furlough, she enrolled at Corn Bible School and was graduated in April, 1935. She also took nurses' training at Willows Maternity Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas where she received the O. N. degree. Later she studied at the Counsel Supcaieur Hygiene Colonial Belgium where she received the Accoucheuse (Midwife) degree. She was ordained at Mountain Lake, Minnesota on November 24, 1946, by P. R. Lange and D. E. Friesen. Her practical work before going to the foreign field consists of nursing, teaching in the Sunday School, and in the Vacation Bible School. On December 12, 1928, she left New York for her first term in Africa and returned on July 5, 1933. In 1936 she went out for a second term and it was during this term that she was married to Aaron A. Janzen on January 24, 1943. The Janzens came home on furlough on July 5, 1946. On February 2, 1949, they left New York for another term of service in the Belgian Congo where they are faithfully working at the Kafumba Station.





MRS. ELIZABETH JANZEN  
(Pensioned)  
Buhler, Kansas

*Because thou hast been my  
help, therefore in the shadow  
of thy wings will I rejoice.  
My soul followeth hard after  
thee, thy right hand up-  
holdeth me.*

—Psalm 63:7-8.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. ELIZABETH DICKMAN JANZEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Dickman, was born on March 9, 1889, at Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of 16 and was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Mountain Lake on July 8, 1906. After she completed her elementary school training she enrolled at the Mountain Lake Academy and was graduated in 1906. Later she also studied at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. On August 25, 1907, she married to Frank A. Janzen at Mountain Lake. They were ordained at Mountain Lake on September 14, 1910, by Rev. Henry Voth and Rev. N. N. Hiebert. On September 29, 1910, they left from New York for their first term in India and returned via San Francisco in June, 1919. They went out for a second term in October, 1920, and returned in March, 1928. In November, 1938 they left from New York for their last term in India and Mrs. Janzen returned in August, 1946. Mrs. Janzen has three children, Leander Frank born on September 20, 1908; Arnold Herbert born on July 31, 1912; and Edwin Herbert born on September 2, 1915.





*How excellent is thy loving  
kindness, O God! therefore  
the children of men put their  
trust under the shadow of  
thy wings.*

—Psalms 36:7.



MRS. JOHN H. VOTH  
(Pensioned)  
Hillsboro, Kansas

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. MARIA EPP VOTH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Epp, was born at Mountain Lake, Minnesota, on January, 1881. Following her conversion at the age of twenty, she was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Carson M. B. Church, near Mountain Lake on June 23, 1901. After she finished her elementary training she studied at the Mountain Lake Bible School. Later she did some work at the Moody Bible Institute. On August 18, 1907, she was married to John H. Voth at Mountain Lake. After having served the Lord together for almost one year they were ordained on July 5, 1908, at the Carson M. B. Church by Rev. Henry Voth and Rev. Abraham Schellenberg. On August 14, 1908, they left from Seattle, Washington, for their first term in India and returned via Seattle in July, 1916. They went out for a second term in 1918 and returned in 1925. Their third term lasted from 1927 till 1934. In August of 1937 they left from New York for their final term in India and returned via New York in 1942. Mrs. Voth has six children, Elizabeth Hulda was born on May 31, 1908; Sarah Elsie was born January 9, 1910; Menno John was born February 22, 1912; Theodore Henry was born January 11, 1916; Matilda Mary was born on November 10, 1917; and Hugo Ernest, born September 1, 1920 (deceased, 1944).



*The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.*

—Psalm 34:7.



MRS. BERNARD F. WIENS  
(Pensioned)

Walla Walla, Washington

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. SARAH LOHRENTZ WIENS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohrenz, was born on February 20, 1883, at Hampton, Nebraska. The Lord gave her the missionary call to China two years before her conversion which she experienced at the age of fourteen. After giving her testimony she was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Henderson, Nebraska. She received her elementary and high school education at Hampton, Nebraska. On October 23, 1903, she was married to Bernard F. Wiens at Hampton. In 1907 the M. B. Conference accepted them as its city missionaries. They conducted mission work at Hurley, Wisconsin, and in 1910 they began the South Side Mission, Minneapolis, Minnesota. After one year in Minneapolis they moved to Hillsboro, Kansas, where they continued their education at Tabor College. In 1916 the M. B. Conference accepted them as missionaries for India, but since they were unable to go to India at that time they went to China instead. They were ordained as foreign missionaries by the Henderson M. B. Church. On December 9, 1919, they sailed from San Francisco for the mission field in China. After a few short years of fruitful service Mr. Wiens was called to his heavenly reward on November 30, 1922. Mrs. Wiens continued the work until 1925 at which time she returned to America. At present Mrs. Wiens is residing at Walla Walla, Washington. Mrs. Wiens has five children, Frank Lohrenz, born on May 20, 1906; James Bernard on November 9, 1907 (deceased, 1907); Katherine on July 24, 1909; Alice Florence on May 30, 1912; and Robert Andrew on April 20, 1920.

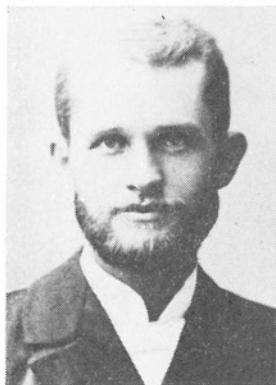


# In Memoriam

MISSIONARIES







REV. PETER H. WEDEL  
1865 - Aug. 10, 1897  
In Africa, Oct. 1895 to Aug. 1897



REV. HEINRICH E. ENNS  
1864 - July 5, 1897  
In Africa, Dec. 1896 to July 5, 1897



MRS. HEINRICH E. ENNS  
1865 - June 3, 1898  
In Africa, Dec. 1896 to June 3, 1898



MRS. TINA (MANDTLER) BERGTHOLD  
Dec. 16, 1879 - Nov. 1904  
In India, Aug. 14, 1904 to Nov. 1904



MISS KATHARINA LOHRENZ  
March 11, 1882 - Sept. 5, 1913  
In India, Aug. 5, 1908 to Sept. 5, 1913



MRS. ANN EPP BERGTHOLD  
April 30, 1878 - Sept. 5, 1915  
In India, Dec. 1904 to Sept. 5, 1915







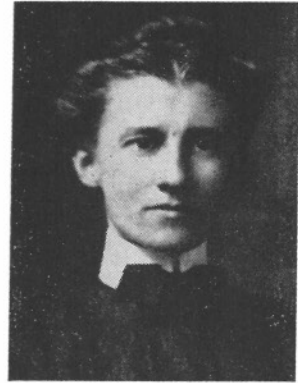
MRS. PETER H. WEDEL WALL  
1866 - July, 1915  
In Africa, Oct., 1895 to 1899



MISS SARAH BALZER  
Aug. 11, 1874 - May 3, 1921  
In China, Sept. 19, 1911 to May 3, 1921



REV. B. F. WIENS  
March 20, 1881 - Nov. 30, 1922  
In China, Nov. 9, 1919 to Nov. 30, 1922



MISS SUSANNA RATZLAFF  
Feb. 6, 1881 - April 19, 1925  
In China, Sept. 19, 1911 to April 19, 1925



MISS MARIA RICHERT  
Nov. 18, 1888 - Jan. 12, 1926  
In China, 1921 to Jan. 12, 1926

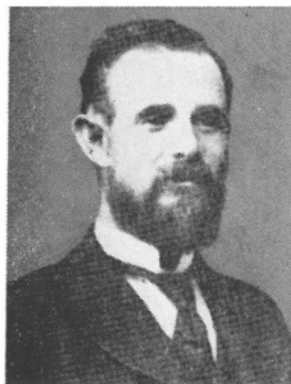


REV. F. A. JANZEN  
June 30, 1880 - Nov. 7, 1927  
In India, Nov. 15, 1910 to Nov. 7, 1927





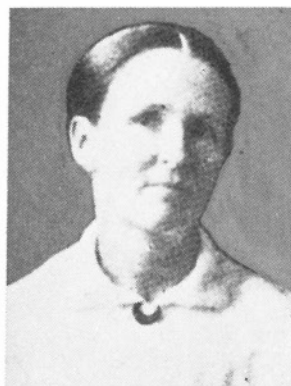
MRS. ELIZABETH KOHFELD  
1865 - Oct. 2, 1931  
At Post Oak, 1894 to 1907



REV. HENRY KOHFELD  
Jan. 24, 1863 - Jan. 1, 1932  
At Post Oak, 1894 to 1907



MISS TINA KORNELSEN  
June 15, 1892 - Jan. 29, 1934  
In China, 1920 to Jan. 29, 1934



MRS. FRANK J. WIENS (AGNES HARDER)  
June 8, 1883 - June 9, 1935  
In China, Fall, 1911 to June, 1935



MRS. ERNESTINA JANZEN  
1883 - Sept., 1937  
In Africa, Nov. 16, 1912 to 1937



MRS. MAGDALINA BECKER  
Aug. 4, 1878 - July 7, 1938  
At Post Oak, 1901 to 1929





MRS. J. H. PANKRATZ  
March 11, 1880 - Jan. 25, 1941  
In India, Oct., 1902 - Jan., 1941



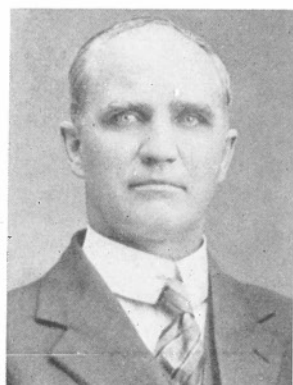
REV. FRANK J. WIENS  
June 30, 1880 - Sept. 28, 1942  
In China, Fall, 1911 to 1940



REV. JOHN S. DICK  
Jan. 25, 1895 - March 19, 1942  
In China, 1920 to 1935  
At Indiahome 1941 to 1942



MISS ANNA HANNEMAN  
Aug. 17, 1890 - Feb 21, 1943  
In India, Aug., 1915 to Sept., 1940



REV. J. H. VOTH  
Dec. 23, 1879 - July 29, 1943  
In India, 1907 to Sept. 7, 1942

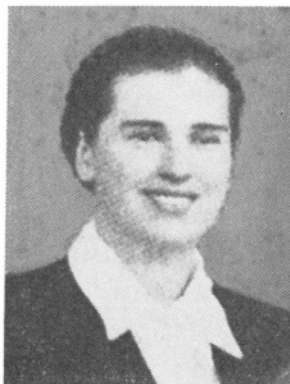


MISS KATHARINA L. SCHELLENBERG  
Nov. 28, 1870 - Jan. 1, 1945  
In India, March, 1907 to Jan. 1, 1945





REV. D. F. BERGTHOLD  
Jan. 12, 1876 — Oct. 25, 1948  
In India, Aug. 14, 1904 to Feb. 11, 1946



MRS. EVA BLOCK KASPER  
Dec. 23, 1918 - Oct. 21, 1950  
In India, Feb., 1946 to Oct. 21, 1950



REV. J. H. PANKRATZ  
Jan. 14, 1867 - July 19, 1952  
In India, Oct., 1902 to May, 1951



REV. ABRAHAM J. BECKER  
Feb. 25, 1872 - Jan. 15, 1953  
At Post Oak, 1901 to Nov. 13, 1949



REV. HERMAN H. WARKENTIN  
June 20, 1917 - March 26, 1953  
In India, Dec. 23, 1946 to March 26, 1953



MRS. ELIZABETH NEUFELD  
(WALL) WICHERT  
Sept. 15, 1872 - May 1, 1953  
In India, July 4, 1899 to May, 1906





